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Locke Lord Doubles Practice Areas Ranked in “Best Law Firms” List, Earning 32 National Spots and 100 “Best” Rankings Overall

November 2, 2011 – Six Locke Lord practice areas are among the best in the country, according to national and metropolitan rankings released this week by *U.S. News — Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms”* 2011-2012 report. Locke Lord’s top practice areas — earning a Tier 1 national ranking — are: Corporate Compliance Law; Corporate Law; Insurance Law; Litigation-Trusts & Estates; Oil & Gas Law; and Trusts & Estates Law.

Overall, Locke Lord garnered 32 “Best” spots in the national rankings and 68 spots in the metropolitan rankings. The Firm’s recognized practice areas in 2011-2012 increased dramatically from last year, with overall rankings nearly doubling to 100 “Best” spots. The analysis by U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers® includes evaluations from clients and other attorneys, as well as peer reviews from attorneys recognized as leaders in their specific practice areas. Eligible firms are required to have at least one lawyer included in the *Best Lawyers* list; Locke Lord has 76 attorneys listed in “*The Best Lawyers in America 2012*.”

Locke Lord’s recognized practice areas include:

National Rankings – Tier 1

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Trusts & Estates
- Oil & Gas Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

National Rankings – Tier 2

- Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Governmental Investigations
- Derivatives and Futures Law
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Intellectual Property

- Litigation – Real Estate
- Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- Private Equity Law
- Tax Law

National Rankings – Tier 3

- Antitrust Law
- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- Litigation – ERISA
- Litigation – Securities
- Litigation – Tax
- Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Real Estate Law
- Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation

Metropolitan Rankings – Tier 1

AUSTIN

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Energy Law
- Litigation – Eminent Domain & Condemnation
- Real Estate Law

CHICAGO

- Insurance Law

DALLAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Governmental Investigations
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Litigation
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Litigation – Eminent Domain & Condemnation
- Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Trusts & Estates
- Non-Profit/Charities Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

HOUSTON

- Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Banking and Finance Law
- Derivatives and Futures Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Labor & Employment
- Litigation – Patent
- Litigation – Trusts & Estates
- Non-Profit/Charities Law
- Oil & Gas Law
- Patent Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

LOS ANGELES

- Insurance Law

NEW ORLEANS

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

NEW YORK

- Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Patent Law

SACRAMENTO

- Corporate Governance Law
- Private Equity Law
- Securities/Capital Markets Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Insurance Law

Metropolitan Rankings – Tier 2

AUSTIN

- Health Care Law

CHICAGO

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Governmental Investigations
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar – Litigation
- Real Estate Law



DALLAS

- Antitrust Law
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Labor & Employment
- Litigation – Real Estate
- Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- Litigation – Tax
- Mediation
- Real Estate Law

HOUSTON

- Corporate Law
- Information Technology Law
- Labor Law – Management
- Tax Law
- Trademark Law

LOS ANGELES

- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions Law

NEW ORLEANS

- Real Estate Law

SACRAMENTO

- Tax Law

SAN FRANCISCO

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Governance Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Real Estate Law

National first-tier rankings will be published in the Nov. 15 Money issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. Survey questions to clients and attorneys asked them to evaluate firms based on expertise, responsiveness, integrity, cost-effectiveness, civility, understanding of a business and its needs as well as other criteria.

Locke Lord consistently ranks among *American Lawyer's* top 100 U.S. law firms. The firm's full range of practice and industry areas serve national and international clients from offices in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Hong Kong, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. It has an excellent reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, with its 650-plus attorneys building collaborative relationships and crafting creative solutions — all designed and executed to meet clients' long-term strategic goals.

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