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LOCKE LORD ADDS 12 ATTORNEYS TO ITS SACRAMENTO OFFICE AND 1 IN SAN FRANCISCO, BOLSTERS CALIFORNIA PRESENCE, STRENGTHENS ITS CORPORATE AND LITIGATION PRACTICES

(SACRAMENTO) March 3, 2011 – Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell is adding 12 attorneys – including seven Partners -- to its Sacramento office and another Partner to its San Francisco office to bolster its California presence and to add even more strength to the Firm’s national and international corporate practice and its commercial litigation practice. Many of these attorneys also represent Chinese companies, which complements Locke Lord’s January opening of its Hong Kong office and will help expand its client service in Asia. The attorneys join Locke Lord from the Sacramento office of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC. Locke Lord has 13 offices, including ones in Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Francisco.

“This is very exciting for us,” said Locke Lord Chair Jerry Clements. “These attorneys have substantial corporate transactional, banking and finance, and commercial litigation experience that will help us better serve our clients in the United States and abroad. We are thrilled this strong collegial team will make Locke Lord home. I am confident they will hit the ground running and be an integral part of broadening Locke Lord’s California brand.”

Joining Locke Lord in Sacramento as Partners are Christopher J. Bakes, Scott E. Bartel, M. Taylor Florence, Regina J. Schroder, Daveed A. Schwartz, Eric J. Stiff and John P. Yung. Deborah K. Seo joins Locke Lord as Senior Counsel, and Shauna N. Correia, Krista J. Dunzweiler, Kelly A. Gaide and Ryan A. Oliver join as Associates. Joining Locke Lord as a Partner in its San Francisco office is Daniel B. Eng.

“Most of us have worked together for many years and we wanted to continue practicing together. We talked to many different firms, but Locke Lord stood out for its entrepreneurial and forward-thinking attitude, as well as its commitment to grow the corporate and complex litigation practices in California,” said Bartel. “We are extremely impressed with the quality of its attorneys and the national reputation of their practice areas. In short, we are extremely excited about the prospects ahead and what we can accomplish together.”

The Partners who start working at Locke Lord this week include:

- **Scott E. Bartel**, who was Chair of Bullivant’s Corporate Finance & International Transactions practice and Chair of the firm’s China practice, will continue to focus his practice on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, international transactions with an emphasis on the representation of Chinese domestic companies before the Securities and Exchange Commission, and internal corporate investigations involving SEC enforcement matters. Bartel is a former Assistant Deputy Director of the Corporate and Securities Division of the Office of General Counsel for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board (now known as the Office of Thrift Supervision) and was a Senior Attorney in the Division of Corporate Finance of the SEC. He has been recognized for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America*, in the area of Securities Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Corporate Governance and Compliance.

- **Eric J. Stiff**, who was the Shareholder in Charge of Bullivant's Sacramento Office, has extensive experience in corporate finance, securities and complex real estate financing transactions and counsels clients in several industries, including technology, manufacturing, medical and pharmaceutical, renewable energy, agriculture, retail, construction and real estate. He focuses his capital markets and International practices on public and private securities, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, corporate restructuring and spin-offs, broker dealer compliance, and international transactions. He is recognized among *The Best Lawyers in America*.
- **Christopher J. Bakes**, an accomplished trial attorney and frequent radio talk show guest in Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle, has represented some of the nation's largest companies in litigation involving construction and real estate development projects, research and development contracts and numerous information technology disputes. He represents companies and individuals in sports and entertainment, unfair competition, trade secrets and defamation actions.
- **Daniel B. Eng (San Francisco office)**, former staff counsel to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, has clients in a host of industries, including banking, hospitality, technology, manufacturing, medical and pharmaceutical, retail and mining. He is experienced in general corporate work, public and private offerings, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and finance, strategic alliances and other matters. He provides counsel on business and corporate governance issues nationally and internationally.
- **M. Taylor Florence**, former Chair of Bullivant's Board of Directors and its strategic growth leader, will continue to focus his practice on representing businesses in a variety of complex commercial litigation matters, including in the areas of antitrust software development, telecommunications, employee benefits, creditors' rights, securities claims, California Prop 65 matters and environmental issues. He is skilled in guiding the formation and dissolution of businesses, as well as in all matters related to corporate governance, intellectual property, patent infringement, trade secret, unfair competition, fraud and RICO.
- **Regina J. Schroder**, who was Chair of Bullivant's Tax Practice Management Group, will continue to provide tax, business and employment guidance to corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, joint ventures and nonprofit organizations. Her tax and securities background and experience extend to a wide range of industry clients, both nationally and internationally. Schroder is included in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Northern California Super Lawyers*.
- **Daveed E. Schwartz**, who headed Bullivant's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Practice, will continue his antitrust and consumer class action litigation and counseling practice by representing clients responding to U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission and state Attorney General investigations. His vast experience includes both criminal and civil international cartel price fixing matters and defending antitrust and consumer class actions. He serves on the Executive Committee of the State Bar of California's Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section and is a frequent speaker and panelist at Bar presentations.
- **John P. Yung**, founder of a nonprofit corporation that helped develop high-tech companies in the Silicon Valley, will continue to focus his practice on corporate, securities and international business matters, including mergers and acquisitions and business, real estate and cross-border transactions. He assists public and private companies in matters of formation, operation, securities offerings and registrations, financings, joint ventures, intellectual property rights and licensing.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP consistently ranks among *American Lawyer's* top 100 U.S. law firms. Our 30-plus practice 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. We have built a solid reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, and our nearly 650 attorneys build collaborative relationships and craft creative solutions – all designed and executed to meet clients' long-term strategic goals. At the end of each year, we want our Firm to be better, stronger and more highly regarded than it was at the beginning.