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Houston Corporate Attorney Steven Hecht Joins Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell As Partner

(HOUSTON) July 9, 2008 – Steven A. Hecht, an accomplished Houston corporate attorney, has joined Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell as a Partner based in the firm’s Houston office. Hecht, who will play an integral role in the firm’s Corporate Trust Practice, is known for his breadth of experience in handling issues related to debt securities, corporate finance and banking. Hecht comes to Locke Lord from Gardere, where he was a Banking Partner.

Hecht also has experience with commercial loan transactions, privately placed investments, and finance transactions in both the public and private debt markets. He has represented financial institutions, lenders, issuers, and service providers in domestic and international asset-backed transactions. Hecht has closed hundreds of securitization transactions, bringing to market in excess of \$100 billion of securities. A graduate of the University of Houston, Hecht is a certified public accountant with both public accounting and industry experience.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm of more than 700 attorneys with offices in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. With a vast geographic scope, and a national reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, Locke Lord is focused on achieving client success as a team. Among Locke Lord’s many strong practice areas are appellate, capital markets, corporate, class action litigation, employee benefits, energy, environmental, financial services, health care, insurance and reinsurance, intellectual property, labor and employment, public law, real estate, regulatory, REIT, tax and technology.

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