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## LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL CHICAGO PARTNER AUTHORS BOOK ON HOW TO SUCCEED IN A LAW CAREER

(CHICAGO) November 2, 2009 – Mona M. Stone, a Partner based in the Chicago office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell who serves on the Chicago Hiring Committee and who is Co-Chair of the Firm's Diversity Committee, has authored a book aimed at providing career guidance to those considering a law career, law school students and young attorneys. *Future Performance: Your Guide to a Successful Career in Law* (Aspatore, \$40) offers tips on how to succeed in today's highly-competitive legal market, presents real-life examples of what young attorneys can expect to face on the road to partnership, and includes advice on how to become skilled practitioners. It walks readers through all the steps from law school through partnership.

Stone's book is based on numerous interviews that she conducted over the past 12 months with attorneys at all career levels and types/sizes of organizations across the country. It contains sections that explain how to make the most out of law school; craft a solid cover letter and resume; stand out at job interviews; land top work assignments; become indispensable attorneys; increase networking and business development efforts; and boost job satisfaction. Stone's book offers tips on what employers are looking for in attorneys; compares small firm, big firm, corporate and government practices and culture; and guides readers on what skills they should be acquiring at different stages of their careers in order to remain competitive and sharp.

Stone's diverse practice has enabled her to develop key legal skills in a myriad of contexts. She has represented both public and private entities in numerous jurisdictions around the country, ranging from individuals and small businesses to multibillion-dollar companies. She has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation, employment disputes, insurance and aviation defense litigation.

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