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Locke Lord Announces New Vice Chair, Members of Board of Directors, Office Managing Partner in Chicago

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February 7, 2024 – Locke Lord has elected **Alan Levin** (New York/Hartford) as a Vice Chair of the Firm's Executive Committee, replacing **Jennifer Kenedy** (Chicago) after she recently became the Firm's General Counsel. Kenedy will remain on the Executive Committee. In addition, **Megan Foscaldi** (Boston) and **Ziwen Zhu** (Atlanta) have joined the Firm's Board of Directors.

Locke Lord also announced **Andrea Verney Kerstein** as Managing Partner of the Firm's Chicago office. Kerstein, who serves as a member of Locke Lord's Board of Directors and as Chair of the Firm's **Health and Managed Care Litigation** Practice Group, has significant experience representing insurers and reinsurers in insurance and health care disputes and arbitrations, primarily in the life insurance and health insurance lines. Joining Kerstein on the leadership team of the Chicago office is **Rusty Perdew**, who will serve as Deputy Managing Partner.

In addition, **Brandon Montminy** has joined Dallas Office Managing Partner **Elizabeth Mack** on the leadership team of the Dallas office serving as Deputy Managing Partner.

Remaining on Locke Lord's Executive Committee with Kenedy and Levin are: Firm Chair **David Taylor** (Houston); Vice Chair **Bill Swanstrom** (Houston); Vice Chair **Thomas Yoxall** (Dallas); **David Grant** (London); **Nina Huerta** (Los Angeles); **Paul Mahoney** (Providence); **Richard Manley** (Boston); **Kip Mendrygal** (Dallas); **Paul Nason** (Dallas); **Allison O'Neil** (Boston); **Joe Perillo** (Houston); **Tai Tran** (Austin); and **Steve Whitmer** (Chicago).

Locke Lord's Board of Directors helps direct the Firm's vision and strategy and collaborates on other Firm-wide initiatives. The Board reports to Taylor and the Executive Committee. Remaining on the Board of Directors with Foscaldi and Zhu are: Co-Chairs Perdew; **John Arnold** (Houston); **Kyle Davis** (Dallas); **John Emmanuel** (New York); **Sean Fifield** (Los Angeles); **Lauren Fincher** (Austin); **Bill Foley** (New York); **Dave Foster** (Austin); **Doug Gray** (Providence); **Denise Hanna** (Washington, D.C.); **Greg Heath** (Houston); **Ben Henry** (Chicago); **Andrew Hughes** (Providence); Kerstein; Mack; **Jenn Mendonça** (Boston); **Hanna Norvell** (Houston); **Ben Sykes** (Chicago); **Adrienne Walker** (Boston); and **Scott Wofsy** (Stamford).

New members of Locke Lord's Board of Directors:

- Foscaldi advises public and private companies and private equity funds on corporate and securities law matters, including public and private securities offerings and complex strategic transactions. She also advises clients in a range of industries on matters of corporate governance and compliance with SEC reporting obligations.
- Zhu focuses her practice on general corporate representation, international business transactions and intellectual property. She represents U.S. and foreign companies in establishing business operations across borders, selling and acquiring business interests and protecting companies' intellectual property rights.

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