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# Locke Lord General Counsel and Executive Committee Member Jennifer Kenedy Appointed Lifetime Member of The Chicago Network

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**(CHICAGO) August 13, 2024** – Locke Lord General Counsel and Executive Committee Member [Jennifer Kenedy](#) has been selected as a lifetime member of The Chicago Network, an invitation-only prestigious group comprising the city's most influential women leaders at the forefront of business, professional, cultural, nonprofit and educational communities. The organization is dedicated to empowering women to lead, fostering relationships for personal and professional growth and positively impacting local businesses and communities. Members are nominated and selected by a committee after a thorough vetting process for leadership as well as active, civic engagement in the region.

Prior to taking the role of General Counsel, Kenedy served as a Vice Chair of Locke Lord from 2018-2024, Deputy General Counsel from 2017-2024 and was the first female Managing Partner of the Firm's Chicago office from 2010-2018. Dedicated to leadership and advocacy, she spearheads a wide range of corporate initiatives and philanthropic programs, including co-founding the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law and Locke Lord's Women's Initiative. Kenedy Chairs the Firm's Flexible Work Arrangement Committee and founded and led its Business Transformation Task Force, ensuring the Firm leads in transforming legal services post-pandemic. She is also Co-Chair of Locke Lord's Artificial Intelligence Industry Group, helping clients leverage the benefits of AI while managing business and legal risks. Kenedy has held leadership positions in many additional community and professional organizations, including serving as an Executive Board Member at Girls, Inc., of Chicago, which delivers programs to help girls thrive in school and life. She is also an Executive Board Member to the Patrick Williams Foundation, a nonprofit started by Chicago Bull Patrick Williams that provides support and resources to socioeconomically disadvantaged minority women entrepreneurs and their small businesses.

A trial lawyer with more than 30 years' experience, Kenedy concentrates her practice on complex commercial litigation, including trade secret misappropriation and other intellectual property litigation, contractual disputes, employer restrictive covenant counseling and litigation, catastrophic product liability, labor and employment and real estate litigation. She has arbitrated and tried cases nationwide. Kenedy was recently named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of 1 percent of American lawyers chosen based on effectiveness, accomplishment and ethical reputation. She serves as a Board Member of Business Counsel, Inc., an international network of trial firms and is a member of the Sedona Conference on Trade Secrets. She has been named as a Notable Women in Law honoree five times and a Notable Leader in Employment and Labor Law by Crain's Chicago Business.

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