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Letter from the Chair



Jerry Clements, Firm Chair

Welcome again to another edition of *LockedIn*, the alumni newsletter that keeps you plugged in to the many happenings at Locke Lord.

It's been almost three years since we launched our alumni program and I am pleased to report the ranks of our alumni followers continue to grow. Some 400 of you have signed up on our LinkedIn alumni site – double the number from this time last year – and we are delighted with the number of you who join us each year for our alumni receptions.

Our lead article in this edition of *LockedIn* celebrates the enormous honor *Texas Lawyer* magazine bestowed on the Firm in August when it named us a "2013 Litigation Department of the Year." Although based on litigation work done in Texas, the award recognizes the totality of the Firm's litigation work. So, this is a major win for the nearly 300 litigators at Locke Lord.

In another article, we recall one of the pioneering Partners of the Firm, Barbara Nelson Gray, who was the first woman Partner in the Houston office. Not only a brilliant lawyer, Barbara is remembered for her warmth and generosity, as well as for her most lasting legacy to the Firm, son Max Stubbs, a talented young Associate in our Houston office.

You can also see photos from the enormously successful reception we held to celebrate our new office space in Austin. Alumni Vince Hazen and Paul Terrill were just a few of the guests who joined us that night. It was particularly fun for me, being as Austin is my home office.

We are also announcing, for the first time, that we are renaming Houston's Presidents' Day Golf Tournament after Houston Partner Mike Dorman, who passed away March 15, 2013. Mike not only was a terrific lawyer and friend, but also one of the best golfers at the Firm and a real force behind the success of this tournament. We miss him very much.

As you know, we continue to look to new markets for business and have formed two new sections – Cyber Liability and Emerging Businesses. You can read a little about both sections in this issue.

As this year winds down, remember, please don't be a stranger. You can stay abreast of all that we are up to by joining Locke Lord's LinkedIn pages. These come in two varieties – our main LinkedIn page and our alumni page. Since our last newsletter, we've beefed up our LinkedIn pages, posting recent QuickStudies, news releases and other topics of interest. You can also sign up to hear from us on Twitter, and of course, don't forget to put the Locke Lord website on your list of "favorites."

We do like to hear from you, so please send us story ideas and let us know where your career is taking you.

Until the next issue of *LockedIn*, take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Clements".

Jerry Clements
Locke Lord Firm Chair

Presidents' Day Golf Tournament Renamed In Memory of Mike Dorman



For 25 years, one of the highlights of the Locke Lord calendar has been the Houston office's annual Presidents' Day Golf Tournament.

One of the key organizers of the popular event will be sadly missed at the next tournament. Houston Partner Mike Dorman, an avid golfer and respected litigator, passed away March 15, 2013.

Partner Mark Miller said plans are underway to rename the annual tournament after his good friend and fellow golfer. "Mike was one of the longtime stewards of the tournament," Miller said of the event that attracts more than 100 golfers. "We want to do this to honor his legacy and his memory. He will be missed at the tournament just as much as he is missed at the office."

New Austin Office Gets Warm Reception

Firm clients and alumni join Austin attorneys to celebrate new location

Locke Lord's alumni were well represented at the September 10 reception to celebrate the Firm's new office space in Austin. More than 90 clients joined Firm lawyers and alumni for the event, which included welcoming comments from Chair Jerry Clements and Austin Office Managing Partner Brian Cassidy. The new office space is close to the capitol and features state-of-the-art technology to better serve our clients.



Firm Chair Jerry Clements and Austin Managing Partner Brian Cassidy



Locke Lord alumnus Jay Hailey and Bruce LaBoon



Locke Lord alumni Vince Hazen and Paul Terrill

Lone Star recognition for Locke Lord Litigation Team

Texas Lawyer magazine says we have best of the best

In a state as big as Texas, competition for bragging rights – be it the tastiest BBQ or the biggest recreational vehicle – can get downright fierce.

So, it was a true achievement for Locke Lord to be named one of *Texas Lawyer's* 2013 Litigation Departments of the Year.

The magazine summed up Locke Lord's excellence best when it said winning law firms had to outshine a field that was "truly competitive."

"Locke Lord's recognition by *Texas Lawyer* as one of the Best Litigation departments confirms the Firm's long-standing commitment to our clients to help them succeed in the courtroom," says Chair Jerry Clements. "Our trial lawyers handle cases of all sizes across all industries always focusing on the client's individual needs and objectives."

In determining the winners, the magazine asked law firms to share big victories and important cases that demonstrated why clients choose them for litigation representation.

The work submitted was done in Texas and throughout the rest of the country, as well as abroad..



"A major part of our success is the close collaboration among our attorneys, which proves very effective in the many cutting-edge cases we handle," says John McDonald, co-Chair of the Firm's Litigation Department and a Partner based in Dallas. "A client might be working with an attorney in Austin, Dallas or Houston, but he or she is really getting the full knowledge and experience of our entire global team."

In recognizing Locke Lord, *Texas Lawyer* noted a number of the Firm's litigation successes. This included winning two cases before the Texas Supreme Court on June 21 and winning a \$20 million judgment before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals – *Coe, et al. v. Chesapeake Exploration LLC* – which also carved out a new area of Texas Statute of Frauds precedent where the 5th Circuit agreed with the district court that describing property with maps generated by global positioning system-enabled computerized mapping software could satisfy well-worn property description standards.

It also noted Locke Lord's success representing oil and gas operator Wendell Reeder in an appeal of an almost \$1 million damages award against him in *Reeder v. Wood County Energy LLC et. al.* Locke Lord's involvement in the case began when it reached the Texas Supreme Court.

"Locke Lord's Litigation Department of almost 300 attorneys is a great representation of our Firm's spirit," says Clements. "We are savvy and strategic, and we work as a team to benefit our clients."

Keeping Pace with Fast Changing Markets

New business areas fill need of clients

At Locke Lord, we keep a vigilant eye for new opportunities to meet changing business markets, while better serving the evolving needs of our clients.

We recently formed new sections to serve two fast-changing business areas: Cyber Liability and Emerging Businesses.

The Emerging Business section is incorporating teams from California and London, with the goal to broaden this to additional offices within the coming year. It is dedicated to providing strategic legal advice to entrepreneurs, emerging businesses and the investors who support them. As part of this innovative program, our lawyers provide turn-key legal support for new business owners to see them through all phases of a business life cycle.

The Cyber Liability group was launched as a subsection of the Insurance and Reinsurance practices. It focuses on representing insurers in claims brought against companies with respect to data security and privacy breaches.

Team members include insurance lawyers from our Chicago, London, Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York offices. The group will soon launch a series of webinars and events focused on this rapidly evolving area.



New to the Firm

Locke Lord has added 40 new attorneys to our Firm since the last edition of *LockedIn*.

AUSTIN

Nicole Olvera, Associate

CHICAGO

Reginald Champagne, Associate

Mark Hockley, Associate

Tim Peterson, Associate

Rosanne Sangiacomo, Associate

Jerry Schnayer, Partner

Jordan Stein, Associate

Nina Vachhani, Associate

DALLAS

Henry Benton, Staff Counsel

Darrian Campbell, Associate

Noel Chakkalakal, Associate

Masae Falcon, Staff Counsel

Mackenzie Horton (Jackson), Associate

Paul Lein, Associate

Marc Lipscomb, Associate

Christin Livesay, Senior Counsel

Alexandra LoCasto, Associate

Jon Olsen, Associate

Matthew Olson, Associate

Kate Rawlings, Associate

HONG KONG

Emily Fan, Associate

Jeffrey Kung, Senior Counsel

Christie Yeung, Associate

HOUSTON

Alicia Castro, Associate

John Eichelberger III, Associate

Rachel Fitzgerald, Associate

Scott Friedman, Associate

Elizabeth Genter, Associate

Patrick McCurry, Associate

Tammi Niven, Senior Counsel

Benjamin Smolij, Associate

Harry Thompson, Associate

LONDON

Nicole Lyons, Associate

Philippa Townley, Trainee Solicitor

LOS ANGELES

Priya Sopori, Partner

NEW YORK

Marnie Kudon, Senior Counsel

Sana Nadeem, Associate

Charles Zitzmann, Staff Counsel

SACRAMENTO

Allison Harris, Associate

Jamal Dean Modir, Associate

Barbara Nelson Gray

REMEMBERING HOUSTON'S FIRST FEMALE PARTNER

Associate Max Stubbs Carries on His Mother's Legacy

Legacies come in many forms and fashions.

Some legacies come from blazing a path for others to follow. Some come in the lasting body of one's professional work. Some come in the influence one has on others. Some in the children who carry on the valuable life lessons we teach them.

Few of us achieve more than one legacy in our life. It's the extraordinary individual who is credited with many.

So it is with the late Barbara Nelson Gray, the first female Partner in Locke Lord's Houston office, who was not only an attorney with an impressive list of legal wins, but is cited by fellow attorneys for her generosity and leadership.

To Houston Associate Max Stubbs, she was, above all else, a mom.

"She made Partner in 1983, the year I was born," Stubbs recalls. "Growing up, I felt like the Firm was part of my family. I remember camping trips with my mom, sister and Marc and Brenda Watts. I remember Bill Ogden helping me take the training wheels off my first bicycle. And Jeff Love was one of my Mom's first visitors at St. Luke's Hospital on the day I was born."



Houston Associate Max Stubbs



Barbara, who died of brain cancer in 2003, joined the Firm as Barbara Perkins in 1977 with eight other law school graduates, including Partner David Patton.

"Barbara got the second highest score in the State Bar exam that year. She was brilliant," Patton recalls. "She could make you feel good just by being around her, but she could be firm, too."

Patton said Barbara, who worked in energy, banking, real estate and bankruptcy, had a unique ability to fit multiple roles.

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"She was as comfortable camping as she was in the boardroom," he says.

It's a trait Partner Stephanie Donaho recalls as well.

"Barbara could talk baby clothes and she could talk beer," she said. "She was warm and friendly, but also a smart and good lawyer. She was a success from Day One."

Patton and Donaho remember Barbara's ability to win over Firm patriarch and Senior Partner Charles Sapp, a feat, both said, not easy to achieve.

"He thought Barbara was very special and he promoted her," Patton recalls. "When we moved, he asked Barbara to pick out the art for the new offices."

"He thought if all women lawyers were like her, then we needed more women lawyers," Donaho said.

Firm alumna Andrea Ferguson White talked about Barbara's influence on her as a young attorney, in a previous issue of *LockedIn*.

"She was just an amazing woman in all respects and was one of those women who helped other women," the former First Lady of Houston recalls. "I was always messing up, and she was perfect. I didn't know a lot about lawyers, and I wasn't with the program. That's why it was so important to have someone like Barbara to follow."

"We don't have Barbara anymore," Patton said, "but, through Max, we definitely have her legacy."

"I just wish she were still here," White added.

A native of rural South Dakota, Barbara was the first child in her family to go to college and to graduate from law school. She remained at the Firm until 1993, when she left to work as a divisional general counsel for Enron.

Stubbs said his mother was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer when he was in sixth grade. She was given six months to live.

"But she insisted that she would live to see both her children graduate high school. And when she set her mind to do something, she did it. It was how she lived her life."

Nelson passed away eight years after her initial diagnosis during Stubbs' sophomore year in college. She was 53 years old.

"When I came back from my freshman year of college I told her I wanted to go to law school and become a lawyer like her," Stubbs recalls. "Being a mom, of course, she told me she just wanted me to do whatever made me happy. I wish she was still here to see how happy I am to be working at the Firm and following in her footsteps."

Patton said when Stubbs went through the Firm's recruiting program, he could see a lot of Barbara in her son, and when working with Stubbs today he is reminded of her often.

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(www.lockelord.com/notablematters).

Just click on 'more' or on the featured item to get details on some of our most recent interesting matters.

We tell our clients we are 'Around the Clock...Around the World' for them, and **Notable Matters** proves that point.

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Now that we've found you – don't be a stranger. Keep in touch with us by registering on our website – www.lockelord.com/about/alumni/ - and spreading word to any other Locke Lord alumni you've kept up with since your time here.

We welcome your ideas for future alumni events or *Lockedin* stories. Share them with us by emailing Emily Vodek at evodek@lockelord.com.

Thank you for joining us and helping us work toward strengthening our alumni program. We are glad you could be here and look forward to seeing you again soon.



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