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### *Hughes Watters Askanase Expands Wills and Probate Practice With Addition of Dirk R. Moore as Senior Counsel*

**HOUSTON, Texas (Sept. 13, 2011)** – [Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P. \(HWA\)](#) has expanded its [Wills and Probate Practice Area](#) to include estate planning and trusts with the addition of [Dirk R. Moore](#) as Senior Counsel.

Moore joined Hughes Watters Askanase in July 2011. He also will support the firm's [Real Estate and Finance](#) and [Business Planning and Strategy Practice Areas](#). He has been practicing law since 1998.

“Enhancement of our Wills and Probate practice has been a high priority for our firm,” said Gary Gunn, co-managing partner of HWA. “We are addressing a viable need among our high wealth client base. Dirk is a great asset to HWA and the individuals, business owners and executives we serve. Dirk’s solid experience and well-established relationships enable us to offer an enhanced suite of high quality estate planning, trust and probate services.”

At HWA, Moore will assist clients in planning for and managing intergenerational transfer of wealth while also minimizing tax consequences. He will also assist HWA’s real estate and corporate clients with contract negotiations, business formations, stock and asset purchases, mergers and acquisitions, financing arrangements and other needs.

For the past eight years, Moore worked as an attorney with De Lange, Hudspeth, McConnell & Tibbets, L.L.P. where he counseled business and individual clients in a wide range of tax and estate planning matters, with an emphasis on estate planning and family wealth transfer. He has extensive experience in trust matters, pre- and post-marital agreements, tax planning for closely held businesses, and charitable law matters.

Moore previously served as an assistant vice president and trust officer with Kanaly Trust Company in Houston where he managed comprehensive financial planning and investment strategies, including advising clients on the negotiation of employment agreements, retirement analysis, and review of overall asset allocation needs.

Moore earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law in 1998. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in philosophy from the University of Houston in 1995. Moore is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association's Real Estate Section, Taxation Section, and Probate, Trusts, & Estates Section.

For more information on Moore or to contact him directly, please see his biographical profile at [www.hwa.com/Attorneys/Dirk\\_R\\_Moore/](http://www.hwa.com/Attorneys/Dirk_R_Moore/) or call Moore at 713-328-2865. He can be reached by email at [dmoore@hwa.com](mailto:dmoore@hwa.com).

### **About HWA**

For more than 33 years, Hughes Watters Askanase, L.L.P. has helped business organizations, financial institutions and individuals succeed with their business endeavors. The firm's attorneys play a strategic role and support clients through every stage of existence and operation, from formation to liquidation. The firm's practice focuses on the various interrelated areas that provide the greatest opportunities and most challenging obstacles: representation of commercial and consumer lenders of all varieties, including banks and credit unions; business bankruptcy; business planning and strategy; default servicing; real estate and finance; commercial and consumer financial services litigation; and estate planning, wills, trusts and probate. For more information on Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P., please visit [www.hwa.com](http://www.hwa.com).

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