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***Paul Kellogg Named Partner at Hughes Watters Askanase,
Leads Business Planning and Strategy Practice Area***

HOUSTON, Texas (March 15, 2010) – Hughes Watters Askanase, L.L.P. (HWA, www.hwa.com) has promoted Paul Kellogg to partner. Kellogg, who joined HWA in 2001, also has been named as the leader of HWA's Business Planning and Strategy Practice Area.

Kellogg's practice focuses on consumer and commercial financial services (including auto and retail credit, identity fraud, and privacy issues), regulatory compliance, mortgage lending and compliance, fundamental issues facing small - and medium-sized businesses, and the formation and divestiture of business entities. He has been named a Rising Star by *Texas Monthly* magazine every year since 2004 in its *Super Lawyers* issue and was inducted into the College of the State Bar of Texas in 2008. He also serves as a source for media outlets such as The Houston Business Journal and KUHFM Houston Public Radio.

"We are pleased to welcome Paul Kellogg to the ranks of HWA partnership," said Larry Young, another partner with HWA. "In the consumer area, Paul's experience in consumer financial services with retailers, banks, home mortgage lenders, auto dealers and auto finance companies has proved invaluable. In the corporate area, his acumen in creating and representing corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies and in handling private placements has been extremely important to HWA business clients. Paul also brings to his work the kind of diligence and 'don't let it go until it is done' mentality that are difficult to find in any field."

Kellogg previously worked as an attorney with Bond & Taylor, L.L.P., where he specialized in start-up companies, venture capital and private securities transactions. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he worked as a business manager for two small retail businesses and as a community liaison and issue analyst for former Houston mayors Kathy Whitmire and Bob Lanier. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Rice University in 1987, a Master of Arts degree in public administration from the University of Houston in 1996 and a Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from University of Houston Law Center in 1999.

Kellogg is a member of several professional associations, including the American Bar Association - Section of Business Law, Consumer Financial Services Committee; Houston Bar Association - Consumer and Commercial Law Committee; Mortgage Bankers Association (National and Texas); National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association; State Bar of Texas - Consumer and Financial Law Committee; and Business Law Committee.

“I am honored to join this extraordinary group of people who are respected leaders in their legal fields. We have the practical knowledge and experience to offer a wide range of advice and assistance for the whole life cycle of a business,” Kellogg commented.

For a full profile on Kellogg, please visit www.hwa.com

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