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*Seven HWA Attorneys to Speak at Upcoming
Bankruptcy and Consumer Finance Conferences*

HOUSTON, Texas (Aug. 19, 2010) – Seven attorneys with Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P. (www.hwa.com) are participating in bankruptcy and consumer finance law conferences and workshops in the coming weeks and months.

[Dominique Varner](#) and [Anabel Hernandez](#) will speak at the Mexican American Bar Association of Houston Retreat and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Conference, Aug. 27-28 in League City, Texas (www.mabah.com). Varner will lead a discussion of federal loss mitigation programs for home mortgages in a panel entitled, “You Can’t Afford It, But We’ll Help You Keep It.” Hernandez will co-present a teaching panel with the Hon. Jeff Bohm, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, on the effects of both the automatic stay and special events requiring bankruptcy court approval on attorneys practicing family, personal injury, defense and criminal law.

[Brendetta Scott](#) will participate as a co-panelist at the Texas Bar CLE Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Conference, Sept. 2 in Dallas, Texas (www.texasbarcle.com). Scott’s presentation will provide information on evaluating the collectability of a consumer law case. Scott will also speak at the Houston Association of Bankruptcy Paralegals Conference, Nov. 5 in Houston, Texas. Scott will participate as a co-panelist in a panel discussion of how paralegals can collaborate with a lender during bankruptcy proceedings.

Partner [Carolyn Taylor](#), will moderate a panel entitled, "Foreclosure Fundamentals: Learn the Basic Building Blocks Necessary for a Solid Business Foundation in Foreclosures," at The Five Star Default Servicing Conference and Expo on Sept. 20 in Dallas, Texas (www.fivestarconference.com). Taylor’s presentation will focus on providing attorneys, agents and brokers with a working understanding of the vocabulary, paperwork, regulations and business dealings of foreclosure proceedings.

HWA partners [Larry Young](#), [Lindsay Lambert](#) and [Paul Kellogg](#) will participate in the Debt Collection, Loan Servicing, Foreclosure and Consumer Bankruptcy Conference and the Consumer Credit 2010 Conference, Oct. 28-29 in Southlake, Texas. The conferences are hosted

annually by the Credit Law Institute and the Conference on Consumer Finance Law (www.thecreditlawinstitute.com). Young, Lambert and Kellogg will provide an update on current issues in consumer finance law, including Texas litigation and regulation. Additionally, Young and Lambert will participate in a panel discussing regulatory and litigation issues and developments in debt collection and with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

About the Speakers

Dominique Varner, a partner with HWA since 2003, focuses her practice on creditors' rights in bankruptcy and in probate, where she initiates dependent administrations on behalf of secured creditors. She maintains a strong understanding of current events and legal developments that affect the mortgage industry and defaulted loans.

Anabel Hernandez joined HWA in 2008. In addition to bankruptcy law, Hernández focuses her practice on state and federal consumer finance regulation. She assists the firm's commercial litigation and business planning and strategy groups, and also reviews Spanish legal, financial and marketing materials for the Firm to ensure accuracy and compliance.

Brendetta Scott specializes in consumer financial services and default servicing. She represents a variety of mortgage companies and credit unions involved in complex, contested hearings and transaction issues. Scott speaks frequently at both the local and national level on issues in bankruptcy law and proceedings.

Carolyn Taylor, a partner with HWA, has more than 30 years of experience in the practice of law. She leads the Firm's award-winning default services practice area, and specializes in legal issues surrounding mortgage banking, default servicing, regulatory compliance, credit union law and creditors' rights. Taylor routinely speaks and publishes on legal issues in mortgage servicing and consumer finance at the local, regional and national level.

Larry Young has more than 30 years of legal experience. A partner with HWA, he concentrates his practice on consumer financial services, bankruptcy law for creditors, commercial finance, consumer financial services litigation and entertainment law. Young has authored or co-authored more than 100 articles and seminar papers on a variety of legal subjects, and he frequently serves as a legal source to local and national news and trade media. He is a Fellow of both the American College of Consumer Financial Services Attorneys and the American College of Commercial Finance Attorneys. He is also the former editor of the *Consumer Finance Law Quarterly Report*.

Lindsay Lambert has more than 18 years of experience in the practice of law. His primary focus is consumer financial services litigation, with an emphasis on mortgage-related issues. He has extensive experience in advising clients on how to avoid credit and debt-related litigation by identifying potential problems and solutions. Lambert has defended numerous class action lawsuits involving alleged violations of state and federal consumer lending and debt collection laws.

Paul Kellogg concentrates his practice on consumer financial services and regulatory compliance in the areas of lending, retail and motor vehicle sales, corporate law, and the formation of business entities and non-profits. With a strong personal and professional background in small business ownership and management, he also advises clients on fundamental formation, legal and financing issues faced by small- to medium-sized businesses.

Full biographical profiles on these attorneys are available at www.hwa.com.

About Hughes Watters Askanase

For more than 32 years, Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP 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 wills and probate. For more information on Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P., please visit www.hwa.com.

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