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Kristen Baker Joins Hughes Watters Askanase, L.L.P.

HOUSTON, Texas (Dec. 9, 2010) - [Kristen Baker](#) has joined Hughes Watters Askanase, L.L.P. (www.hwa.com) as an associate supporting the Consumer Financial Services and Default Servicing Practice Areas under the direction of partners Carolyn Taylor and Dominique Varner.

“Kristen is an outstanding recent graduate from the University of Houston Law Center. All of us at Hughes Watters Askanase are pleased to have her on board full-time. During the 12 months that Kristen interned with the firm as a law clerk, she proved herself to be conscientious and committed to the practice of law and to working with a team of veteran attorneys. She is an excellent role model for any young person starting a new career in any profession,” Varner commented.

Baker was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in November after passing the bar exam. She focuses her practice on representing the needs of banks, mortgage servicing companies and other lenders in various aspects of consumer financial services.

“Hughes Watters Askanase was the right choice for me to begin my career. The environment at HWA is very team-oriented and respectful. I appreciate the integrity and professionalism that is reflected in the way everyone operates. I am especially impressed with how friendly the attorneys and staff are,” Baker commented.

Before joining HWA full-time in August 2010, Baker served as a law clerk for Baker & Associates in Houston and as a law clerk at HWA from August 2009 until May 2010.

Baker graduated magna cum laude in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Texas A&M University. Baker earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center in May 2010.

While attending the University of Houston, Baker served as a contributing editor to the *Texas Journal of Consumer and Commercial Law* and was on the University’s Moot Court team. She also worked as a legal intern for The Honorable Jeff Bohm, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Southern

District of Texas. Additionally, she worked as a research assistant for Associate Dean Richard Alderman at the University of Houston.

Baker has earned several honors. She was a regional finalist in the American Bar Association's Negotiation Competition in 2008. She also received the 2007 Department of Communication Citizenship Award at Texas A&M. Baker was on the Dean's List at Texas A&M from 2003-2007 and was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars from 2004 through 2007. She has also been a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi since 2007.

Baker is a member of the Houston Bar Association, the Houston Young Lawyers Association, the Houston Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers, the Houston Howdy Club (for Texas A&M alumni), the Arthur L. Moller – David B. Foltz American Inns of Court, the American Bar Association, and the State Bar of Texas.

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