

# Chester Uzoma

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## ASSOCIATE | HUGHES WATTERS ASKANASE LLP

*Mr. Uzoma has been admitted to the following practices and courts: State of Texas*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Hughes Watters Askanase, L.L.P.**, Houston, TX 1/2019-Present  
*Law Clerk and Associate*
- Represent financial institutions in connection with the structuring, negotiation, and closing of commercial real estate transactions.
  - Represent business owners, real estate investors and developers, and small to mid-sized companies in connection with the acquisition, development, construction, leasing and/or disposition of commercial real estate, personal property assets and related financing transactions.
  - Represent clients in business formation and governance, corporate transactions, and other business-related matters.
  - Represent clients on matters involving breach of contract, non-competition agreements, and trade secrets.
  - Draft loan documentation for commercial loans, including acquisition loans, construction loans, development loans and other commercial lending transactions.
- Payne Law Firm**, Houston, TX 8/2017-1/2019  
*Law Clerk*
- Assist lead attorney with drafting motions for current cases.
  - Assist lead attorney with drafting and responding to discovery request.
  - Conduct legal research pertaining to issues for various cases.
  - Manage clients, files, and insurance claims on an ongoing basis.
- Schlumberger (Formerly Cameron Technologies)**, Houston, TX 8/2014-8/2016  
*Procurement Specialist*
- Reviewed customer purchase orders for accuracy, including specifications delivery dates, required certifications and federal sales tax.
  - Obtained quotations and made price comparisons to determine merchandise cost.
  - Resolved invoice discrepancies and verified corresponding purchase orders.
  - Maintained vendor relationships to improve efficiency.
  - Ensured vendor compliance with contractual obligations.
  - Assisted Cameron Plants, Sales Department and Warehouse to manage the planning, buying and stocking of materials.
  - Utilized Systems, Applications & Products in Data Processing (SAP) to plan and drive visibility for material requirements.
- Ryder Integrated Logistics**, Houston, TX 3/2012-8/2014  
*Senior Logistics Analyst*
- Managed all key performance indicators for North American Overland Transportation for Baker Hughes.
  - Reset carrier baselines and loaded historical data to capture savings opportunities.
  - Drafted contracts for freight carriers and new lane routes in the Baker Hughes/Ryder project.
  - Engaged with department managers weekly to discuss updates and issues that directly affect internal divisions.
  - Utilized various strategic planning reports and other functions in Systems, Applications & Products in Data Processing (SAP) to identify valid reference numbers and monitor non-compliant shipments.
  - Collaborated with Baker Hughes personnel quarterly to review carrier performance for over 100 carriers.
  - Reviewed weekly reports to monitor and adjust carrier on time performance scores regarding project savings goal.
  - Resolved carrier freight bill issues and audited payment process to ensure billing compliance.

- Collaborated with Baker Hughes finance team to clear outstanding freight bills and discuss carrier transitions.

## **EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, & BOARD SPECIALIZATION(S)**

<b>South Texas College of Law</b> , Houston, TX	2019
<i>Juris Doctorate</i>	
<b>University of Malta</b> , Valletta Malta	Summer 2017
<i>Courses in International Cultural Heritage Law, Comparative Taxation I &amp; II and Significant Supreme Court Cases; 2016</i>	
<i>Term taught by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg</i>	
<b>University of Houston, C.T. Bauer College of Business</b> , Houston, TX	2011
<i>Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Supply Chain Management</i>	

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State Bar of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas  
Houston Bar Association  
Houston Young Lawyers Association