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***Hughes Watters Askanase Sponsors Bench-Bar Bankruptcy and
TBA Bankers Legal Conferences***

HOUSTON, Texas (Feb. 21, 2012) – Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P. (www.hwa.com) is supporting The Center for American and International Law’s Fifth Circuit Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Conference Feb. 22-24 at The Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans as a major sponsor. The firm is also sponsoring the Texas Bankers Association’s 38th Bankers Legal Conference March 29-30 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa in San Antonio. [Gary Gunn](#), co-managing partner and the head of the firm’s Commercial Finance and Real Estate and Finance Practice Areas, will serve as a speaker on March 30.

The CAILW Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Conference will host 17 bankruptcy judges, three judges of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and many of the circuit’s leading bankruptcy practitioners who will participate in workshops and discussions on all aspects of bankruptcy law, including emerging issues and new case law. For details, please visit www.cailaw.org.

“Given the importance of bankruptcy to our firm’s overall practice mix and the dynamic nature of this conference and its participants, we felt that sponsorship was a good investment for the firm and our attorneys,” explained Wayne Kitchens, co-managing partner and head of HWA’s Business Bankruptcy Practice Area.

HWA is sponsoring the TBA Bankers Legal Conference for the third consecutive year. Gunn will speak on the topic, “Commercial Real Estate Loan Documentation: Best Practices and Lessons (Hopefully) Learned During the Financial Crisis.” His presentation will address various lessons learned during the U.S. financial crisis and describe how banks and their legal counsel can integrate these lessons into their daily practices. For details on the conference, please visit www.texasbankers.com.

“As our economy moves toward recovery, this year’s TBA legal conference is centered on getting back to the business of banking. My topic is particularly relevant given the recent increased demand for commercial loans and our firm’s focus on commercial real estate finance,” Gunn commented.

For full biographical profiles on Kitchens and Gunn, please visit www.hwa.com.

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