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Hughes Watters Askanase Partner and Paralegals

Achieve Distinguished Certifications from Texas Board of Legal Specialization

HOUSTON, Texas (Jan. 26, 2012) – [Steven D. Shurn](#), a partner with Houston-based law firm [Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P.](#) (HWA) (www.hwa.com), has been certified by the [Texas Board of Legal Specialization](#) (TBLS) in Business Bankruptcy Law. HWA paralegals Elle Glenn and Misty Hardy also have been certified by the TBLS in Real Estate Law.

According to the TBLS Web site (www.tbls.org), more than 70,000 attorneys are licensed to practice in Texas, but only 7,000 have earned the right to be publicly recognized as Board Certified specialists in one of 21 select areas of law. The TBLS was established in 1974 by the Supreme Court of Texas at the request of the State Bar of Texas and is the only governing board authorized to certify attorneys in legal specialty areas.

“Board certification confirms what our firm and the larger legal community already know about Steve: he is one of the brightest and most sought after insolvency lawyers in our region. We are very proud of him and this significant accomplishment,” said Wayne Kitchens, co-managing partner of HWA.

Glenn and Hardy are among only 15 paralegals in Texas to achieve TBLS certification in the area of real estate. Glenn has worked in the real estate field for more than 25 years and has been a real estate paralegal with HWA for the past six years. Hardy has been working with HWA co-managing partner Gary Gunn for 15 years. She has been a real estate paralegal for 12 of those years.

About Hughes Watters Askanase

For more than 33 years, Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P. 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. The firm's practice focuses on representation of commercial and consumer lenders, including banks and credit unions; business bankruptcy; business planning and strategy; default servicing; real estate and finance; commercial and consumer financial services litigation; and estate planning and probate. For more information on Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P., please visit www.hwa.com.

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