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PARTNER | HUGHES WATTERS ASKANASE L.L.P.

Ms. Taylor is a partner whose practice is concentrated primarily in the areas of credit union law, creditors' rights and mortgage banking.

She has extensive expertise in default servicing (bankruptcy, collection, foreclosure, eviction, loss mitigation and debt restructuring). regulatory compliance, and contract negotiation and drafting.

Since 1979, Ms. Taylor has vigorously served as a legal advocate and strategic advisor for her clients. She learns and understands her clients' business operations and objectives, thereby enabling her to provide timely, pragmatic and cost-effective legal solutions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP, Houston, Texas

Partner *1996- Present*
Of Counsel *1994-1995*

- Co-Managing Partner of firm's award-winning credit union , creditors' rights and default services practice groups.
- Prominent role in securing certification of Firm as Woman Owned Business, WBENC, SBA WOSB, TX HUB, US Federal Contractors.
- Instrumental in implementing and enhancing the internal policies, procedures and state of the art technology compliant solutions that enable her teams to deliver timely, superior services to clients.
- Prominent role in the firm's selection as approved counsel for governmental sponsored entities and investors.
- Routinely trains, speaks and publishes on credit union, mortgage servicing and consumer finance legal issues on a local, regional and national levels.

Urban & Coolidge, Houston, Texas

Partner *1984-1993*
Associate Attorney *1983-1984*

- Established and developed the firm's representation of Texas credit unions in collection, bankruptcy, probate, commercial and consumer banking , regulatory compliance and negotiation and drafting contracts and leases.
- One of the first third party servicer providers to regularly attend the Houston Chapter of Credit Union monthly meetings and participate in Chapter sponsored charitable, educational and PAC events.

Lackshin & Nathan, Houston, Texas

Associate Attorney *1979-1981*

- Represented standing U.S. Bankruptcy Court Trustee in prosecution and defense of various actions in all stages of contested litigation in federal and state district courts, including preference actions, claim objections, adversary proceedings, breach of contract, wrongful foreclosure, lien enforcement relative to real and personal property, sale and disposition of estate assets.
- Prosecuted and defended collection lawsuits in state courts, including emergency ex parte requests for injunctive relief before ancillary judges relative to pending foreclosure sales of real and personal property
- Successful first chair jury trial in state court

Adjunct Professor, University of Houston School of Law, Houston, Texas

1979-1981

- Taught Legal Research & Writing Course from Practitioner's Perspective

EDUCATION

EMORY UNIVERSITY	1979
Doctor of Jurisprudence	
Order of the Barristers	
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER	1976
Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude	

LICENSURE

Licensed, State Bar of Texas	1979-Present
• United States District Court Texas Courts for the Southern District of Texas (<i>admitted 1979</i>); Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of Texas (<i>Admitted 1980</i>)	
• Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals	
Licensed, State Bar of Georgia (<i>inactive status</i>)	1979-Present

AWARDS AND HONORS | CERTIFICATIONS

• Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization Consumer Bankruptcy Law	1985-Present
• Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization Business Law	1989-Present
• <i>Texas Super Lawyers® by Thomson Reuters</i>	2003–2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

• American Bar Association	
• State Bar of Texas	
• State Bar of Georgia	
• American Legal & Financial Network (TX)	2004-Present
• Default Attorney Group (TX)	2009-Present
• Houston Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys	1996-Present
• Houston Chapter of Credit Unions	1981-Present
• Mortgage Bankers Association	
• Texas Mortgage Bankers Association	
• NAMWOLF (National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms)	2020-Present
• Woman Owned Default Attorney Network (WOODAN)	2024

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Credit Unions for Kids/Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas	1981-Present
• Daughters of American Revolution	1989-Present
• Houston Pets Alive , Houston, Texas	2018-Present
• Junior League of Houston, Inc.	1990-Present
• Lone Survivor Foundation (Marcus Latrell, former Navy Seal)	2011-Present