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**Dominique Varner, a Partner with Hughes Watters Askanase LLP,**

**Named as One of 50 Most Influential Women of Houston of 2024**

**HOUSTON, Texas (March 28, 2025) –** [Dominique Varner](https://www.hwa.com/people/dominique-varner/), a partner with Houston-based [Hughes Watters Askanase LLP](http://www.hwa.com), has been named by *Houston Woman Magazine* as One of the 50 Most Influential Women of Houston of 2024.

“I am honored that *Houston Woman Magazine* named me as one of the 50 Most Influential Women of Houston in 2024. Beverly Denver and her team are elevating the contributions that women are making in the greater Houston area through this prestigious 50 Most Influential Woman program, which has honored some truly outstanding Houston women over the last 21 years,” Varner said. “I am thankful that HWA’s partners have created an environment that is supportive of women attorneys and that the firm has evolved into a women owned firm, with professional affiliations in the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council. Our firm culture has always valued and encouraged the female attorneys not only in their professional endeavors but allowed them the flexibility to have leadership roles within their communities and personal lives as well.”

Varner joined HWA in 1995 as an associate and was named as a partner in 2003. She supports HWA’s Default Servicing, Probate, Creditors Rights and Business Bankruptcy Practice Areas. She is a resident of the Sharpstown area of Houston.

Each of the honorees was nominated for inclusion on the “50 Women of Influence” list by a reader of *Houston Woman Magazine* and then selected by the staff of the publication.

“Those selected as Houston’s 50 Most Influential Women of 2024 have earned an enviable reputation for their expertise in a particular field or arena. They are knowledgeable and credible. The thoughts and actions of these women influence the thoughts and actions of others. It is our distinct pleasure to introduce these remarkable women to our readers and to others in our community,” commented Beverly Denver, founder and publisher of *Houston Woman Magazine*.

“We are thrilled that *Houston Woman Magazine* has recognized about Dominique what all of us who work closely with her have known for years: that she is truly one of the 50 Most Influential Women of Houston. Her talent, dedication, and leadership continue to elevate our firm and inspire those around her. This recognition is a testament not only to her legal excellence but also to the meaningful impact she makes in our community every day. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor,” commented [Carolyn Taylor](https://www.hwa.com/people/carolyn-taylor/), partner of Hughes Watters Askanase.

**About Varner**

Varner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business and Finance from the University of Texas in Austin in 1990, and a Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in Houston in 1994. She was licensed to practice law in 1994 by the State Bar of Texas and was certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for Consumer Bankruptcy Law in 2006. She is also licensed to practice law in the U.S. District Courts of Texas (Southern, Northern, Eastern, and Western) and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Varner currently serves on the board of directors of First Service Credit Union. As the president of the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary Charitable Fund, she has chaired the Annual Chili Cookoff since 2015 to raise funds for scholarships for law students. As president of the Houston Young Lawyers Association, she helped establish the HYLA Leadership Academy for rising young lawyers.

Fluent in the Italian language, Dominique Varner enjoys traveling to Italy with her husband Roy and sons Grant and Nicholas to visit her family and friends.

**About HWA**

Hughes Watters Askanase LLP (“HWA”) was founded in 1978 by John Hughes, Harry Watters, and David Askanase as a boutique bankruptcy and real estate law firm. In developing the firm, the founders focused on building a reputation of excellence, integrity, and community that has been interwoven into the fabric of HWA and permeates the culture today.

Today, HWA is proudly a woman-owned, diversified, full-service commercial law firm that provides a “one stop shop” for legal representation in interrelated areas that provide guidance, insights, and solutions for our clients’ greatest opportunities and most challenging obstacles. This wealth of resources allows those in each practice group to leverage their experience with other practice groups within the firm. This model enables HWA to provide cost-effective and comprehensive advice and representation to its clients. Please visit [www.hwa.com](http://www.hwa.com) for more information.

**About the 50 Most Influential Women of Houston**

Since 2009, Houston Woman Magazine has published an annual, keepsake edition featuring Houston’s 50 Most Influential Women of the Year. Denver and the Houston Woman Magazine staff hosted a celebration dinner on Thursday, March 20, at the Junior League of Houston. More 340 honorees and their supporters, many past honorees, elected officials and local celebrities attended the event.

The Honorable John Whitmire, Mayor of the City of Houston, attended as a special guest and speaker. During the event, Mayor Whitmire presented Denver with a proclamation declaring March 20, 2025, as Houston Woman Magazine Day. The proclamation recognizes and honors the publication’s 21st anniversary and its dedication to informing, inspiring, and connecting successful Houston women.

Copies of the keepsake edition featuring Houston’s 50 Most Influential Women of 2024 were released at the event and were mailed to subscribers of Houston Woman Magazine. Additional copies are available for purchase for $10 per copy by calling 713-780-2098.

A digital copy of the keepsake issue has been posted to the magazine’s social media channels and is available now for viewing via the link here: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/lctmo/waly/>.