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Hudson Cook, LLP Adds Karen Leonard to D.C. Office
Another top financial regulatory attorney joins Hudson Cook LLP

Washington, D.C., September 27, 2007 – Hudson Cook, LLP, a leading provider of legal compliance services for the financial services industry, announced today the addition of Karen Leonard to the firm, according to Jean Noonan, Managing Partner, D.C. Office.

Ms. Leonard will focus her practice on fair credit reporting and fair lending matters, and on telemarketing, e-commerce and compliance issues for the financial services industry.

Tom Hudson, Chair of Hudson Cook, noted “every day our clients ask us to explain the federal and state laws and regulations that govern the consumer financial services business. The lawyers in our firm are dedicated to helping clients understand the law as well as the trends that are likely to mature into real issues tomorrow. Karen Leonard will significantly strengthen our ability to continue to provide the service our clients expect.”

Ms. Leonard comes to Hudson Cook from the Federal Trade Commission, where she served as Counsel to the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, advising the Director on proposed litigation, regulatory and policy matters, developing materials that articulated the agency’s position certain matters and working with the commissioners, Bureau divisions and other agency offices.

Ms. Leonard also served as staff attorney, investigating and prosecuting cases involving unfair and deceptive acts and practices against consumers, and participated in the extensive review and revision of the FTC’s Telemarketing Sales Rule and the creation of the National Do Not Call Registry. Before joining the FTC, Ms. Leonard was in private practice in Philadelphia for two years, where she also clerked for the Honorable Ronald L. Buckwalter, U. S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Leonard is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Buffalo, School of Law in Buffalo, New York, and a *cum laude* graduate of Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the American Bar Association’s Consumer Financial Services committee. Ms. Leonard also is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Additionally, Ms. Leonard frequently speaks on matters relating to telemarketing and electronic marketing.

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About Hudson Cook, LLP:

Hudson Cook, LLP is a 40-lawyer consumer financial services law firm with offices in Washington, D.C., Maryland, California, New York, Connecticut and Virginia. The firm represents many of the nation's top banks, savings associations, holding companies, finance companies and mortgage bankers, insurance and securities companies, investment banks, specialty lenders and "e-commerce" firms, including several Fortune 500 companies.

Hudson Cook's related Internet publishing company, CounselorLibrary.com, offers online compliance database and update services, including industry standards *CARLAW* and *HouseLaw*. Counselor Library also publishes books in the consumer credit compliance field written by Hudson Cook, LLP attorneys, recently including **The *CARLAW F&I Legal Desk Book - "342 Things I Need to Know About Dealer Finance."*** The book was intended "... to guide dealers and F&I professionals through their duties and responsibilities under the various laws they have to grapple with in a readable, user-friendly form," according to Hudson, and has become the official text book for the Association of Finance and Insurance Professionals' certification program.

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