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**Hudson Cook, LLP Adds Four New Partners**

-Four associates are invited to join industry leading compliance law firm as partners-

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Hanover Maryland – Hudson Cook LLP, a nationwide provider of legal compliance services for the financial services industry, recently announced the addition of four new partners: Emily Marlow Beck, Catherine M. Brennan, and Lisa C. DeLessio of the Hanover, Maryland office, and Michael A. Goodman of the Washington, DC office. These former associates of the firm bring significant academic and professional experience to their new roles.

Ms. Beck holds a JD degree from the American University, Washington College of Law and a BA in Government from the University of Virginia. Her areas of concentration include matters related to federal compliance for motor vehicle dealers. Ms. Beck, a co-editor of *CARLAW® F&I Legal Desk Book - The Answer Book for Finance and Insurance Professionals*, frequently writes and lectures on compliance issues. Prior to beginning her legal career, Ms. Beck spent years working in a family-owned dealership in Virginia.

Ms. Brennan holds a JD degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a BA degree in English and Psychology from Fordham University. Prior to joining Hudson Cook, Ms. Brennan served as an assistant state's attorney in Baltimore City with the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, prosecuting property owners with properties in violation of the Baltimore City Building, Housing and Zoning Codes. Ms. Brennan's practice currently focuses on consumer credit due diligence on behalf of investors of mortgage loan companies, mortgage loan servicers, Internet lenders, consumer finance companies, title loan companies and payday lenders.

Ms. DeLessio holds a JD degree from the University of Maryland, School of Law, Baltimore and a BA in Sociology (summa cum laude) from Loyola College, Baltimore. Before joining Hudson Cook in 2004, Ms. DeLessio worked as an associate in the commercial litigation department of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Porphy & Ecker, representing individuals and corporate clients in business and employment disputes. Ms.

DeLessio also served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Ann S. Harrington in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland.

Mr. Goodman holds a JD degree from the University of Colorado, School of Law and a BA in American Studies from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. Prior to joining Hudson Cook in 2005, Michael served as a staff attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. In that position, Mr. Goodman helped draft regulations governing various marketing methods and litigated consumer protection enforcement actions in federal court. In 2004, Michael received the FTC's Stephen Nye Award, which recognizes outstanding work by a junior attorney.

"Every day our clients ask to understand how federal and state laws and regulations govern the consumer financial services business. All four of these new partners have been a major part of our ability to do this successfully," said Firm chairman Tom Hudson. "We are delighted to welcome them as partners in this effort, where we help our clients understand the law, as well as the trends likely to mature into real issues tomorrow."

Jean Noonan, who manages the firm's Washington, DC, office, also noted that, "Mike Goodman has added depth to our Washington, DC office, especially in the area of marketing law, where his extensive experience with telemarketing rules and electronic marketing has been especially important to our clients."

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