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**Hudson Cook, LLP Adds Dana Clarke to California Office**  
Another top financial regulatory attorney joins Hudson Cook, LLP

**Washington, D.C., December 5, 2007** – Hudson Cook, LLP, a leading provider of legal compliance services for the financial services industry, today announced the addition of Dana Frederick Clarke to the firm, according to Elizabeth A Huber, Managing Partner of the California Office.

Ms. Huber: “Dana Clarke will bring additional mortgage compliance expertise, both for California mortgage matters as well as for our national mortgage and other practice areas. We are delighted that Dana decided to join us.” Mr. Clarke will be based in the California Office of Hudson Cook.

Robert Cook, Managing Partner of Hudson Cook, noted “every day our clients ask to understand how federal and state laws and regulations govern the consumer financial services business. We help our clients understand the law, as well as the trends likely to mature into real issues tomorrow. Dana Clarke will strengthen our ability to provide the service our clients expect.”

Mr. Clarke is the former Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of H&R Block Mortgage Corporation. He guided management on corporate governance matters and business acts and practices, as well as on compliance with federal and state mortgage, consumer credit, and advertising and privacy rules. Mr. Clarke also managed legal representation for H&R Block Mortgage’s federal and state court litigation, consumer and regulatory complaints and inquiries. He also negotiated complex commercial business contracts, including agreements concerning warehouse financing, asset purchase and sales, merger & acquisitions, real estate leasing, and software licensing. Mr. Clarke was additionally a member of the legal team at Option One Mortgage Corporation in its Irvine, CA-based offices providing counsel and performing many of the functions that he performed for its retail subsidiary, H&R Block Mortgage. Mr. Clarke previously held the position of Vice President and Senior Counsel for Assurance Mortgage Corporation of America, Burlington, MA, itself acquired by H&R Block in March, 1999.

Mr. Clarke graduated from the University of Massachusetts (*Bachelors of Arts* 1994); and the Suffolk University Law School (*Juris Doctorate* 1997). He is a member of the

American Bar Association's Consumer Financial Services committee. Mr. Clarke also is a member of the Bar in California, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

**About Hudson Cook, LLP:**

Hudson Cook, LLP is a 40-lawyer consumer financial services law firm with offices in California, Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Virginia and Washington, D.C. The firm represents many of the nation's top mortgage bankers, banks, savings associations, holding companies and finance companies, 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*. CounselorLibrary 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 selected as the official text book for the Association of Finance and Insurance Professionals' certification program.

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