

Hudson Cook Welcomes New Partner in Texas Office, Associates in Maryland and DC Offices

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Hanover, Md., July 28, 2021 - Hudson Cook, LLP is pleased to announce the hiring of new partner Megan Nicholls and new associates Laura Bacon and Robert Tilley.

Partner <u>Megan ("Meg") Nicholls</u> will manage the firm's Fort Worth, Texas office. She joins the <u>Credit Reporting</u>. <u>Privacy and Data Security</u> practice group, advising businesses on compliance with consumer financial services and consumer protection laws. Meg most recently served as the head of compliance and privacy for GIACT Systems, LLC, an identity verification and fraud prevention company.

Rebecca ("Becki") Kuehn, chair of Hudson Cook's Credit Reporting group, praised Meg's diverse experience in the consumer financial services and privacy fields. "Meg is able to view complex compliance and privacy issues from the in-house compliance perspective," said Becki. "Understanding the day-to-day concerns of the client, having been in their shoes, makes Meg an invaluable addition to our team."

Associate Laura Bacon joins the firm's Automotive and Personal Property Finance and Leasing practice group and is based in the Hanover, MD office. Laura will be working with Partner Nicole ("Nikki") Munro, current Secretary of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section, advising clients on the development and maintenance of nationwide consumer automobile finance programs and online motor vehicle sales assistance programs. Laura previously worked as a law clerk in the Government Relations practice of a Maryland law firm, as a legislative assistant to the chair of the Baltimore County Council and as a Chief of Staff to a Maryland state delegate.

Associate Robert ("Rob") Tilley is based in Hudson Cook's Washington, DC office. He joins the firm's Government Investigations. Examinations and Enforcement practice group, led by practice chair <u>Lucy Morris</u>, in representing financial institutions, lenders, and credit reporting agencies in litigation, government investigations and enforcement actions, as well as advising clients on complying with federal and state regulations prohibiting unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practices. Prior to joining Hudson Cook, Rob represented clients in litigation and white-collar investigations at two national law firms.

"We are thrilled to welcome Meg, Laura and Rob to the Hudson Cook team, supplementing our core consumer financial services compliance, privacy and litigation practice areas," said <u>Lisa DeLessio</u>, Hudson Cook's Managing Partner. "As we prepare to

celebrate the firm's 25th anniversary, Meg, Laura and Rob's diverse experiences will help us to continue to provide our clients with practical, efficient and innovative solutions to their regulatory compliance and litigation needs."

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