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## Hughes Hubbard Names Three New Partners

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New York, N.Y., March 15, 2011 — Hughes Hubbard & Reed has elected as partners litigators Jason Benton and Hagit Elul in its New York office and Corporate Finance lawyer Mark Denham in its Miami office.

### **Jason Benton**

Jason Benton is a skilled litigator with experience, including trial work, in a wide variety of practice areas. He has been with Hughes Hubbard since he graduated from law school in 2000. His experience includes complex litigation in areas ranging from mass tort to copyright and music licensing to cutting-edge legal areas such as Internet defamation. Recent cases include defense of an international maritime classification society against the claims of a sovereign state arising out of the sinking of an oil tanker and a trial on behalf of nuclear utility companies against the US Government based on the Government's failure to remove spent nuclear fuel. Mr. Benton received his B.A. from Colgate University in 1991 and his J.D. in 2000 from Columbia Law School, where he was an editor of the Columbia Law Review, a Stone Scholar, a Kent Scholar and won the James A. Elkins Prize in Civil Procedure.

### **Mark Denham**

Mark Denham joined Hughes Hubbard as counsel in 2009. He formerly served as in-house counsel for a Latin America finance business within General Electric Capital Corporation. He focuses on a wide variety of finance transactions, including bank financings, aircraft finance, acquisition finance, trade finance, project finance and other financial products, debt restructurings, and the purchase and sale of distressed debt portfolios. Most of his transactions are cross-border and many involve Brazil, where Hughes Hubbard has long had a strong practice. Mr. Denham, who is fluent in Portuguese, is a member of the firm's Latin America practice as well as its financial

services group. He received his B.S. from Liberty University where he graduated magna cum laude in 1990 and his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1994 where he was a member of the Virginia Law Review.

## **Hagit Elul**

Hagit Elul is an experienced and accomplished litigator and international arbitration practitioner. Clients for which she has handled significant matters include an Indian energy company in an International Centre for Dispute Resolution arbitration, an Indian software company in an acquisition dispute, major pharmaceutical companies in licensing disputes, professional services networks, and international companies in construction disputes. She has also handled investment treaty claims and provided advice to investors about claims for expropriation. Ms. Elul writes and speaks widely on the subject of arbitration. In addition to her arbitration work, Ms. Elul has long shown impressive talent as a litigator. In 2004, when she was a mid-level associate, she argued and won a pro bono case before the Ninth Circuit, in which the Court unanimously ruled that children conceived posthumously are entitled to Social Security survivors' benefits. Just this year, Ms. Elul received the 2010 New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono service award in recognition of her pro bono appellate practice, including her service on the Second Circuit Pro Bono Panel. Ms. Elul graduated cum laude from the University of California at Berkeley in 1994, and received her J.D. from Columbia Law School, also with academic honors, in 1999. Prior to Joining Hughes Hubbard, she clerked for the Honorable Martha Vazquez of the United States District Court in New Mexico.

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