

Hughes Hubbard Names Three Partners In New York, Washington, D.C. and Miami.

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New York, NY January 26, 2009 — Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP announced today that it has elected three new partners: Avner Ben-Gera in its New York office, Federico Goudie in its Miami office and Gregory M. Williams in its Washington, D.C. office.

Avner Ben-Gera is a member of the firm's Corporate Department, where he focuses on domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions and other types of business combinations. Transactions that he has worked on at Hughes Hubbard include representing Northwest Airlines in its acquisition of Mesaba Aviation, Loews Corporation in its sale of Bulova, e2v technologies plc in its acquisition of QP Semiconductor and Cablevision in a series of sales and acquisitions. Mr. Ben-Gera is fluent in Dutch, French and Hebrew, and received his B.S. in economics in 1993, his M.S. in economics in 1995 and a tax L.L.M. in 1996 from the University of Antwerp. In 1999, he received his J.D. from New York University School of Law.

Federico Goudie has an international commercial and finance practice, which includes structured and trade financings, project financings, derivatives, mergers and acquisitions and venture capital transactions. His practice has a focus in Latin America and his clients include multinational corporations headquartered in the region and international financial institutions. At Hughes Hubbard, he has advised clients in various transactional and corporate matters, including Itaú in its derivative transactions, debt facilities and acquisitions, Embratel in connection with its operations outside Brazil as well as its debt facilities, Union Bank in various project financings of power generation and mining facilities throughout the United States, and Chindex International in project financings of hospital facilities in China. Mr. Goudie received his B.A. (*magna cum laude*) in 1994 from Florida State University and his J.D. in 1997 from New York University School of Law. He was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

Gregory M. Williams is a member of the firm's Litigation Department. His practice is concentrated on Securities and General Commercial Litigation, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and Anti-Corruption counseling, due diligence and investigations and International Arbitration. At Hughes Hubbard, Greg has represented a number of the firm's significant clients in litigation and arbitration matters, including currently representing Alstom SA in a class action securities action in the Southern District of New York and NTP, Inc. in patent infringement cases pending against Verizon, T-Mobile and Alltel in the Eastern District of Virginia. Further, he has significant anti-corruption experience, including representing a NYSE-traded company in connection with an FCPA

inquiry concerning business in Nigeria and other parts of West Africa and the related Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Justice and Senate inquiries. Greg obtained his B.A. in International Studies with honors from Austin College in 1991 and his M.A. in International Relations with distinction from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1993. In 1997, he graduated from University of Virginia Law School, where he was an editor of the *Law Review*. He clerked for the Honorable Jacques L. Wiener, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 1998-99.

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP has offices in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Miami, Jersey City, Paris, and Tokyo, and over 30 specialized practices. The firm is ranked #6 in the “top firms among the nation’s legal elite,” by *The American Lawyer*, as well as #4 in “Top Growth Firms” among the nation’s 200 largest firms over the last 10 years.

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