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Former CFPB Auto Finance Program Manager Christopher Kukla Joins Hudson Cook as Partner

And Parrish S. Nicholls joins as Associate, adding regulatory compliance and property management experience

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HANOVER, Md. November 19, 2026 — Hudson Cook, LLP is pleased to announce that Christopher (Chris) Kukla, former Senior Program Manager for Auto Finance at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), has joined the Firm as a Partner. The Firm also welcomes Parrish S. Nicholls as an Associate, continuing its investment in attorneys whose experience supports the legal and business needs of its clients.

Chris brings extensive experience in consumer credit regulation, regulatory compliance, and public policy. His background at the CFPB, where he focused on advising financial institutions, regulators, and policymakers, adds valuable perspective for clients navigating federal and state consumer financial services requirements.

Continued Growth to Support Our Clients

The arrival of Chris and Parrish continues Hudson Cook's growth following the recent additions of former Federal Trade Commission enforcement attorney Harris Senturia as a Partner and Pearl Mansu as an Associate. These additions have bolstered the Firm's regulatory compliance, litigation, government investigations, and residential property management capabilities, reflecting its continued investment in attorneys whose experience supports clients across the consumer and commercial financial services industries.

"We are pleased and excited to welcome Chris and Parrish to Hudson Cook," said Chuck Dodge, Managing Partner. "Chris understands the consumer financial services industry from several perspectives, including and especially in light of his work at the CFPB. His experience will be particularly valuable to our clients in the auto finance space. Parrish brings practical compliance counseling and property management experience that will further strengthen our Residential Property Management practice. We are focused on continuing to grow the Firm with thoughtful, talented lawyers who understand and share our commitment to client service. Chris and Parrish reflect those qualities, and we look forward to the contributions they will make to our clients and the Firm."

Chris Kukla Joins as Partner

Chris most recently served as Senior Program Manager for Auto Finance in the CFPB's Office of Markets, where he advised the Director and colleagues throughout the Bureau on auto financing practices, laws, and regulations. That work gives him a valuable perspective on the market practices and regulatory issues affecting vehicle finance companies and other consumer financial services providers.

Before joining the CFPB, Chris served as a legislative aide and counsel to members of the U.S. House of Representatives, held executive and attorney roles at the Center for Responsible Lending/Self-Help Credit Union, and worked as a consultant. Throughout his career, he has advised financial institutions, regulators, and policymakers on consumer credit law and policy.

Chris also served on the CFPB's Consumer Advisory Board and chaired its Consumer Finance Committee. His other leadership roles include Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Community Investment Council and membership on the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta's Affordable Housing Advisory Council.

He earned his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame School of Law and his B.A. in Political Science and French from Alma College.

Parrish Nicholls Joins as Associate

Parrish brings experience advising businesses, property owners associations, and property management representatives on compliance with state and federal laws. His work has included advising on fair housing requirements, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, leasing policies, corporate governance, contracts, and preparing responses to legislative changes.

Before joining Hudson Cook, Parrish practiced at Henry Oddo Austin & Fletcher, P.C., and previously founded his own law practice. He also served as Director of Compliance and In-House Legal Counsel at Allied Business Schools, where he developed multistate regulatory compliance surveys and implemented internal policies and procedures.

His combination of legal, compliance, and business leadership experience adds depth to the Firm's Residential Property Management practice.

Parrish earned his J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law and his B.S. in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. He also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

About Hudson Cook

Established in 1997, Hudson Cook, LLP focuses its regulatory compliance counseling practice on advising clients on state and federal consumer and commercial financial services matters, banking matters, and privacy compliance issues. Its litigation and government investigations practice defends clients in private litigation and in regulatory enforcement and supervision matters arising from financial services, banking, and privacy issues. It also represents clients in connection with congressional inquiry engagements where the subject matter overlaps with the firm's areas of focus. From our offices around the country, we offer complementary legal services informed by the knowledge and experience of attorneys who understand the complex and interrelated laws and regulations applicable to the consumer and commercial financial services and banking industries.

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