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Dear Clients and Colleagues,

At this time, the personal safety and wellness of your families and colleagues is of paramount importance. Once the initial emergency is over, and clean up and recovery efforts start, insurance coverage, contract, and other liability issues both anticipated and otherwise will begin to surface. I want you to know that we are here to help you as these issues emerge.

We have assembled a Hurricane Harvey Rapid Response Task Force of our most experienced partners who have worked with clients through all manner of crises, both natural and manmade. This group of experienced practitioners stands ready to assist in any way and will provide you with quick, actionable responses to any query. To that end, our task force has assembled a short list of topics to prioritize as you begin to look at areas of need, some of which may include:

- Insurance claims and recovery
- Employee crisis funds
- Force majeure
- Supply chain disruption
- Employee welfare, compensation, and benefits
- Prevention of price gouging (for the retail and hospitality industries)
- Specific application of regulatory guidance of state and federal agencies pertinent to the disaster, including the Governor's granting of the request of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) for suspension of certain of its rules

While this list is not exhaustive, we hope it provides you with a good starting point to help focus you and your team as you begin to evaluate next steps for your organization. Please feel free to contact any of our partners for assistance, and you may also contact our partner Suzie Trigg – (214.651.5098,

<u>suzie.trigg@haynesboone.com</u>) who is heading up our Harvey Rapid Response Task Force and she will make sure to get your questions answered quickly.

Thank you as always for the trust you place in us and we look forward to being of assistance as we move past this catastrophic event. If there is any way I can be of personal service to you, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 214.651.5610.

Regards,

Tim Powers

Managing Partner