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## **W. Barefoot Bankhead affiliates with Echelon Analytics**

DALLAS — W. Barefoot Bankhead, a recognized expert in financial service industry-related disputes, has affiliated with Echelon Analytics to provide expert witness and other litigation support services, primarily related to the financial services industry. Mr. Bankhead will be based out of Echelon's Dallas office.

"Barefoot has built a strong resume as a go-to banking and financial services expert on national-profile litigation. His regulatory, operational, and consulting background in financial institutions adds significant depth to our banking and financial services practice," said Barry Bell, Managing Member of Echelon. "We are excited to be able to offer our clients another seasoned expert and testifier—especially one of Barefoot's stature—and one who complements the subject matter expertise of our other senior testifiers."

Barefoot has been a Texas licensed CPA\* for 40 years. He has served in the banking industry for more than 35 years as an auditor, regulator, senior executive, board member and consultant. He also taught accounting at Richland College and has been a guest lecturer at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas. Prior to his retirement from Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP ("Deloitte FAS") in June 2017, Barefoot was a partner in Deloitte FAS and served as the National Banking & Securities Industry Leader for Deloitte FAS from 2008 to 2010. He also served as the fraud audit specialist for some of Deloitte & Touche's largest financial industry audit clients.

Barefoot has assisted clients that have been involved in investigations or litigation with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), Federal Reserve Board, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), Federal Trade Commission, Department of Labor, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, National Credit Union Association, Farm Credit System and multiple state banking agencies and attorneys general. Also, Barefoot has been retained on multiple occasions by the SEC and FDIC to serve as an expert in litigation matters.

Barefoot earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas in Austin. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a former member of the board of trustees of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

### **About Echelon**

Echelon Analytics is a recognized leader in expert witness services, economic and financial analysis, business consulting, and financial investigation. From its offices in Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City, the firm works with law firms, corporations, government entities, and private individuals across the United States and internationally in matters involving commercial damages, intellectual property disputes and valuation, and banking and finance litigation.

Learn more about Echelon Analytics at [ea-us.com](https://ea-us.com).

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