

Mark Hamrick to Join Bankrate.com as Washington Bureau Chief

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Former National Press Club President, Associated Press Journalist to Cover Intersection Between Government, Politics and Personal Finance

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Mark Hamrick, a widely respected journalist and immediate past president of the National Press Club, will join Bankrate.com (NYSE: RATE) in January in the newly created position of Washington Bureau Chief. Mr. Hamrick will cover the White House, Congress and financial regulatory agencies for the award-winning network of personal finance websites operated by Bankrate.com.

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"Now more than ever, Washington policy changes are affecting Americans' pocketbooks," said Julie Bandy, editor in chief of Bankrate.com. "Bankrate is going to leverage Mark Hamrick's extensive beat experience to provide our readers with timely and interesting content focusing on the issues and players affecting American consumers' finances."

Hamrick spent the past 26 years in various roles at the Associated Press, most recently as a business reporter and editor for the AP's broadcast division. He has been based in Washington since 1987.

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