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Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars 2014 Names Five Husch Blackwell Partners in Chicago

Four Husch Blackwell partners in the firm's Chicago office were named 2014 *Illinois Super Lawyers*, and one was named a *Rising Star*. In addition, Edward D. Manzo received the honor of being named a Top 100 *Illinois Super Lawyer*. Manzo and Joseph E. Cwik were named in the area of intellectual property litigation. James P. White was named in the area of intellectual property and Diane J. Romza-Kutz was named in the area of food and drugs. Sherry L. Rollo was named a *Rising Star* in the area of intellectual property.

Only up to 5 percent of attorneys per jurisdiction are named *Super Lawyers*. Selecting the attorneys involves an in-depth, measurable process. Peer nominations by seasoned attorneys followed by detailed evaluations are matched against third-party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on a state-by-state basis annually.

No more than two-and-a-half percent of attorneys in a state are named *Rising Stars*. The lawyers who make this list must be under 40 years old or have less than 10 years of legal experience. They go through the same selection process as *Super Lawyers*, excluding the peer evaluations.