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# Four Husch Blackwell Attorneys Nominated for 2026 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Programs

National law firm Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that four of its attorneys have been selected to participate in two Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) programs for 2026.

Chicago Office Managing Partner Nida Ghaffar and Kansas City-based partner Christina Engle have been selected as Husch Blackwell's 2026 LCLD Fellows nominees. Ghaffar is a transactional real estate attorney, who focuses her practice on real estate acquisitions and dispositions, retail, industrial, and office leasing agreements, condominium developments, and real estate financing. Engle is a commercial litigator, who represents clients in a broad range of cases, including workplace injuries, employment issues, premises liability, insurance and indemnity obligations, non-compete enforcement, and intellectual property rights.

Chengzhuo He, an associate in Kansas City, and Mason Quiñones, an associate in Denver, have been named 2026 LCLD Pathfinders. Chengzhuo He is a labor and employment attorney, who represents multistate employers in a wide range of labor and employment law matters as well as regularly advises employers on labor and employment issues in M&A transactions. Quiñones assists clients with real estate transactions and renewable energy deals.

Recognized as LCLD's flagship program, the Fellows Program provides mid-career, high-potential attorneys with leadership training, professional and personal development opportunities, and other career building offerings.

The Pathfinder Program, designed for early-career attorneys recognized as emerging leaders, offers participants essential tools to leverage professional networks, build leadership skills, and otherwise bolster their legal careers.