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# Husch Blackwell Achieves Significant Growth in 2026 Edition of *Chambers USA*

## Services

Aviation

Banking & Finance

Business Immigration and Global Mobility

Cannabis

Collegiate Athletics

Commercial Litigation

Construction & Design

Consumer Financial Services

Corporate

Corporate Real Estate

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

Energy Regulation

Environmental

Export Controls & Economic Sanctions

Government Contracts

Higher Education

Insurance

Insurance Regulatory

Intellectual Property

*Chambers USA* recognized Husch Blackwell with 147 attorney rankings in the 2026 guide released today, an increase of 22 individual rankings from 2025. In addition, 25 lawyers, who did not appear in the 2025 edition of *Chambers USA*, earned rankings.

Chambers also ranked Husch Blackwell in 59 departments—a year-over-year increase of 12 departments—spanning 28 of the firm's practice areas with the firm's Aviation; Collegiate Athletics; Commercial Litigation; and Truck, Transit, & Ground practices earning new national recognition.

The firm is recognized in:

**Nationwide**

Banking & Finance

Cannabis Law

Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Compliance)

Government Contracts: Highly Regarded

Healthcare: Highly Regarded

Higher Education

Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer

International Trade: Export Controls & Economic Sanctions: Highly Regarded

Litigation: General Commercial: Highly Regarded

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Product Liability: Toxic Torts

Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy

Psychedelics Law

Sports Law

Transportation: Aviation: Transactional

Transportation: Road (Carriage/Logistics)

**Colorado**

Banking & Finance

Labor & Employment

Litigation: General Commercial

Real Estate

**Massachusetts**

Healthcare

**Minnesota**

Intellectual Property

**Missouri**

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

Healthcare

Immigration

Insurance

Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory

Intellectual Property

Litigation: Product Liability

Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

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Public Finance

Tax

**Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds**

Corporate/M&A

Labor & Employment

Litigation: General Commercial

**Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds**

Corporate/M&A

Environment

Labor & Employment

Litigation: General Commercial

Real Estate

**Nebraska**

Corporate/Commercial

Litigation: General Commercial

**Tennessee**

Intellectual Property

Real Estate

**Texas**

Banking & Finance

Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity)

Healthcare

Insurance

Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use

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**Texas: Austin & Surrounds**

Litigation: General Commercial

**Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds**

Litigation: General Commercial

**Wisconsin**

Banking & Finance

Construction

Corporate/M&A

Healthcare

Insurance

Labor & Employment

Litigation: General Commercial

Natural Resources & Environment

Real Estate

Individual attorneys recognized by Chambers are:

**Banking & Finance**

Steve Agee (Colorado) – Band 2

Lute Barber (Texas) – Band 5

Daniel Bray (Colorado) – Band 2

Steven Camp (Texas) – Band 4

Reuben Rosof (Texas) – Band 4

Lynda Templen (Wisconsin) – Band 3

Nathan Volz (Wisconsin) – Band 3

**Bankruptcy/Restructuring**

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Michael Brandess (Illinois) – Band 4

**Cannabis Law: Western United States**

Marshall Custer (Nationwide) – Band 2

Steve Levine (Nationwide) – Band 1

**Construction**

Joshua Levy (Wisconsin) – Band 1

Eric Meier (Wisconsin) – Band 2

Kenneth Slavens (Missouri) – Band 1

**Corporate/Commercial**

David Gardels (Nebraska) – Band 1

**Corporate/M&A**

Scott Brunner (Wisconsin) – Band 4

Ashley Edwards (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

Christopher Hamlin (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

Phil Koutnik (Wisconsin) – Band 2

John Moore (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 3

Kirstin Salzman (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 2

Matthew Schneider (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 2

Edward Wilson (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 2

**E-Discovery & Information Governance**

Tessa Jacob (Nationwide) – Band 3

**Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation**

David Eckhardt (Wisconsin) – Band 2

Molly Hobbs (Colorado) – Band 2

Craig Kovarik (Missouri) – Band 1

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Mark Welker (Missouri) – Band 1

**Energy & Natural Resources**

Sara Bergan (Minnesota) – Band 2

Megan Caldwell (Colorado) – Band 2

**Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation)**

Linda Walsh (Nationwide) – Band 4

**Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity)**

Carrie Collier-Brown (Texas) – Band 2

Chris Reeder (Texas) – Band 3

Alaina Zermeno (Texas) – Up and Coming

**Environment**

Christopher Erker (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 1

**Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Compliance)**

Marci Kawski (Nationwide) – Band 3

Susan Seaman (Nationwide) – Up and Coming

**Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Enforcement & Investigations)**

John Redding (Nationwide) – Band 1

**Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Litigation)**

Sabrina Neff (Nationwide) – Band 4

**Government Contracts**

Cormac Connor (Nationwide) – Band 5

Hal Perloff (Nationwide) – Band 5

Brian Waagner (Nationwide) – Band 3

**Healthcare**

Andrew Brenton (Wisconsin) – Up and Coming

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Diane Carter (Texas) – Band 2

Curt Chase (Missouri) – Band 1

Ellee Cochran (Texas) – Band 4

Elliott Coward (Georgia) – Band 4

Michael Crowe (Texas) – Band 4

Joseph Geraci (Texas) – Band 1

Sarah Hellmann (Missouri) – Band 2

Alison Hollender (Texas) – Band 4

Lorinda Holloway (Texas) – Band 5

Hal Katz (Texas) – Band 1

Bryan Nowicki (Wisconsin) – Band 1

Gregory Pimstone (California) – Band 1

Sean Ryan (Massachusetts) – Band 3

Thomas Shorter (Wisconsin) – Band 1

Christopher Smith (Missouri) – Band 2

Harvey Tettlebaum (Missouri) – Band 2

Robert Threlkeld (Georgia) – Band 2

Cori Turner (Missouri) – Band 2

**Higher Education**

Hayley Hanson (Nationwide) – Band 1

Julie Miceli (Nationwide) – Band 2

Jason Montgomery (Nationwide) – Band 4

Sean Tassi (Nationwide) – Band 2

**Immigration**

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Christine Fabin (Missouri) – Band 1

Kelli Meilink (Missouri) – Band 1

**Insurance**

Ashley DeVerna (Colorado) – Band 2

AJ Fabianczyk (Wisconsin) – Associates to watch

Jason Fathallah (Wisconsin) – Band 1

Dieter Juedes (Wisconsin) – Band 2

Amy Smith (Wisconsin) – Associates to watch

**Insurance: Regulatory**

Lauren Ybarra (Texas) – Band 2

**Intellectual Property**

Jeffer Ali (Minnesota) – Band 4

Michael Annis (Missouri) – Band 3

Nicole Bashor (Illinois) – Band 5

Timothy Capria (Tennessee) – Band 2

Daniel Cohn (Missouri) – Band 3

Jennifer Hoekel (Missouri) – Band 2

Beau Jackson (Missouri) – Band 3

Daisy Manning (Missouri) – Band 4

Nathan Oleen (Missouri) – Band 4

Rudolph Telscher (Missouri) – Band 1

**International Trade: Export Controls & Economic Sanctions**

Grant Leach (Nationwide) – Band 5

Cortney Morgan (Nationwide) – Band 4

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**International Trade: Intellectual Property (Section 337)**

Beau Jackson (Nationwide) – Band 5

**International Trade: Trade Remedies & Trade Policy**

Nithya Nagarajan (Nationwide) – Band 5

**Labor & Employment**

Barbara Grandjean (Colorado) – Band 2

Joe Glynias (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 2

Ashley Jordaan (Colorado) – Band 2

Kayt Kopen (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Up and Coming

Kevin Koronka (Texas) – Band 4

Trecia Moore (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 4

Sonni Nolan (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

Tom O'Day (Wisconsin) – Band 3

Paul Pautler (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 3

Kyle Russell (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 3

Julianne Story (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 2

Randy Thompson (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

Robert Tomaso (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Eminent Practitioners

Tracy Wolf (Texas) – Band 5

**Litigation: General Commercial**

Scott Browning (Colorado) – Band 4

Ryan DiClemente (New Jersey) – Band 4

Joseph Diedrich (Wisconsin) – Up and Coming

Taylor Concannon Hausmann (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Up and Coming

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Richard Illmer (Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds) – Band 5

Marnie Jensen (Nebraska) – Band 2

Michael Klebanov (District of Columbia) – Up and Coming

Jacob Kring (Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds) – Up and Coming

Ann Maher (Wisconsin) – Band 3

James Monafo (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

JoAnn Sandifer (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

Jeffrey Simon (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 4

**Litigation: Product Liability**

Jennifer Dlugosz (Illinois) – Band 3

Joseph Kilpatrick (Illinois) – Band 2

J.Y. Miller (Missouri) – Band 3

**Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations**

Cormac Connor (District of Columbia) – Band 6

Jonathan Porter (Georgia) – Band 2

Kip Randall (Missouri) – Up and Coming

Jody Rudman (Texas) – Band 3

**Natural Resources & Environment**

Brian Potts (Wisconsin) – Band 2

David Zoppo (Wisconsin) – Band 3

**Political Law**

Kyle Gilster (Nationwide) – Band 4

**Product Liability: Toxic Torts**

Jennifer Dlugosz (Nationwide) – Band 1

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Jennifer Lee (Nationwide) – Band 1

J.Y. Miller (Nationwide) – Band 1

**Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy**

Anna Kimbrell (Nationwide) – Band 4

**Psychedelics Law**

Kimberly Chew (Nationwide) – Band 1

Karen Luong (Nationwide) – Band 1

**Public Finance**

Lynda Templen (Wisconsin) – Band 1

**Real Estate**

Rodney Carter (Wisconsin) – Band 4

Andrew Crossett (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

Bradley Dallet (Wisconsin) – Band 4

Ron Feldman (Tennessee) – Band 3

Courtney Hill (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

Andrew Hodgson (Tennessee) – Band 4

William Hof (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

David Linenbroker (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 1

Jeffrey Miller (Colorado) – Band 4

Rebecca Mitich (Wisconsin) – Band 1

Wendy Proctor (Tennessee) – Band 4

Charles Renner (Missouri: Kansas City & Surrounds) – Band 3

David Richardson (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 1

Gregory Smith (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Senior Statespeople

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Melissa Smith-Groff (Missouri: St. Louis & Surrounds) – Band 3

**Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use**

Nikelle Susanne Meade (Texas) – Band 2

**Tax**

Jason Reschly (Missouri) – Band 1

**Transportation: Road (Carriage/Logistics)**

Julie Maurer (Nationwide) – Band 2

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