

NEWS RELEASES

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- Corporate Real Estate
- Energy Regulation
- Environmental
- Export Controls & Economic Sanctions
- Government Contracts
- Higher Education
- Insurance
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- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment
- Land Use

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

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

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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