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Husch Blackwell Earns 20 Practice Rankings in 2026 Edition of *The Legal 500*

The Legal 500 recommended 20 Husch Blackwell practice areas in the United States 2026 guide released today and extensively ranked individual firm attorneys. For the sixth straight year, the firm's Higher Education team earned the "Top Tier Firm" designation.

Additionally, the firm earned recognition in key practices such as energy, healthcare, mergers and acquisitions, complex torts, and real estate, among others. A complete list of firm and attorney rankings are below.

Cannabis

Leading partners

Marshall Custer

Steve Levine

Leading associates

Alyssa Samuel

Megan Beebe

Recommended attorneys

Michael Brandess

Lindy Martinez

Brent Salmons

E-discovery

Recommended attorneys

Jennifer Cavner

Services

Aviation

Business Immigration and Global Mobility

Cannabis

Construction & Design

Construction Litigation

Consumer Financial Services

eDiscovery Solutions

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

Energy Regulation

Government Contracts

Healthcare Providers

Higher Education

Insurance

Labor & Employment

Land Use

Mergers & Acquisitions

Product Liability

Real Estate Finance

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Tessa Jacob

Steve Neeley

Kip Randall

Education – Top Tier Firm

Leading partners

Lisa Parker

Recommended attorneys

John Borkowski

Anne Cartwright

Marisa De Feo

Mary Deweese

Hayley Hanson

Julie Miceli

Jason Montgomery

Sean Tassi

Derek Teeter

Energy: Energy regulation: electric power

Recommended attorneys

Sylvia Bartell

Mike Blackwell

Richard Bonnifield

Carrie Collier-Brown

Holly Heinrich

Anna Kimbrell

Brian Potts

Chris Reeder

Jeff Vercauteren

Linda Walsh

Alaina Zermeno

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David Zoppo

Energy: Renewable/alternative power

Leading partners

Anna Kimbrell

Recommended attorneys

Matt Bonovich

Jai Khanna

Financial services regulation: Consumer finance

Recommended attorneys

Christopher Friedman

Marci Kawski

Susan Seaman

Leslie Sowers

Government contracts

Recommended attorneys

Steve Neeley

Hal Perloff

Brian Waagner

Healthcare: Life sciences

Recommended attorneys

Stephen Gardner

Don Mizerk

Bryan Stewart

Healthcare: Service providers

Recommended attorneys

Ragini Acharya

Robert Blaisdell

Crystal Bloom

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Curt Chase

Pete Enko

Alison Hollender

Hal Katz

Tom Shorter

Harvey Tettlebaum

Insurance: Advice to insurers

Recommended attorneys

Kirsten Byrd

Jason Fathallah

Dieter Juedes

David Sobelman

Lauren Ybarra

Intellectual property - Patents: litigation (International Trade Commission)

Leading partners

Beau Jackson

Recommended attorneys

Kara Fussner

Jennifer Hoekel

Paul Smelcer

Labor and employment: Employee benefits, executive compensation and retirement plans: design

Recommended attorneys

David Eckhardt

Molly Hobbs

Alan Kandel

Craig Kovarik

Labor and employment: Workplace and employment counseling – Firm to Watch

Recommended attorneys

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Kevin Koronka

Scott LeBlanc

Trecia Moore

Tom O'Day

Labor and employment: Immigration

Recommended attorneys

Tiffany Baldwin

Edgar Ceniceros-Herrada

Christine Fabin

Kelli Meilink

M&A: middle-market (sub-$500 million)

Recommended attorneys

Steve Carman

Ashley Edwards

Kirstin Salzman

Ed Wilson

Product liability, mass tort and class action - defense: toxic tort

Recommended attorneys

Jen Dlugosz

Joe Kilpatrick

J.Y Miller

Brandan Mueller

Lisa Oberg

Jacob Sawyer

Kelvin Wyles

Real estate

Recommended attorneys

Jon Giokas

Andrew Hodgson

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David Linenbroker

Charles Renner

Real estate: Construction (including construction litigation)

Recommended attorneys

Joshua Levy

Eric Meier

Brent Meyer

Jeff Whitney

Real estate: Land use/zoning

Recommended attorneys

Rod Carter

Kate David

Sandy Hellums-Gomez

Nikelle Meade

Jake Remington

David Richardson

Real estate finance

Recommended attorneys

Dan Bray

Rebecca Mitich

David Richardson

Transport: Aviation and air travel: finance

Recommended attorneys

David Agee

Lauren Hawkins

Whitney Lopez

Chris Sundberg

Amanda Tummons

Lana Yaghi

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