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Husch Blackwell Helps Secure Defense Verdict for Mead Johnson in Infant Formula Trial

National law firm Husch Blackwell assisted Mead Johnson in securing a complete defense verdict in a complex torts dispute involving product liability allegations centered on cow's milk-based infant formula provided to premature babies in hospitals.

Tried in the St. Louis Circuit Court alongside Tucker Ellis, a jury sided with Mead Johnson in the lawsuit brought by an Illinois plaintiff who had sought \$12 million in compensatory damages, as well as punitive damages. Following the verdict, the jury foreperson told Bloomberg Law that the jury found against the plaintiff on specific causation—the primary defense advanced at trial

The Husch Blackwell complex torts trial team was led by partner Trez Quinn and included attorneys Tim Larkin, Jacob Sawyer, Luke Hemmerla, Jason Smathers, Ciara Harper, Jonathon Duffy, and Sarah Christopher and paralegals Marrisa Siemerm Lisa Schroeder, Brandon VanOss.