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# Government Contracts Attorney Elizabeth Leavy Joins Husch Blackwell's Washington, D.C., Office

Husch Blackwell welcomes Elizabeth Leavy to the firm's Washington, D.C., office. Leavy joins the firm as an Associate primarily focused in the area of Government Contracts litigation. She will also assist the firm's Energy team with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Leavy practiced with the Washington, D.C., firm of McCarthy, Sweeney & Harkaway (2012-2013). While there, she worked on government contracts matters, advising and drafting protests and interventions for government contractors. She also litigated a variety of civil and commercial disputes, and obtained favorable results on motions to dismiss and motions *in limine* in federal and state courts. In addition, Leavy drafted FERC pleadings on behalf of pipelines and utility companies.

Leavy began her legal career in the Office of the General Counsel, Council of the District of Columbia (2011-2012). As a Legal Fellow, she litigated a broad range of civil litigation matters and reviewed legislation for the Human Services and Government Operations Committees.

Leavy received her J.D. from Cornell Law School (2011), where she received two CALI Excellence for the Future Awards and was Notes Editor for the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Prior to attending law school, Leavy worked as a Case Analyst for a *Fortune 500* company, L-3 Communications (2008). She earned her B.A. in International Affairs from The George Washington University (2007).

Husch Blackwell's Government Contracts attorneys represent domestic and international clients in all areas of federal supply, service and construction contracts. The team is involved in all phases of government contracting,

including bid protests, compliance with federal laws and regulations, Defense Contract Audit Agency audits, compliance audits, Federal Supply Schedule procurements, contract administration, change order negotiations and claims and disputes.