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In Nebraska and Texas, 13 Husch Blackwell Attorneys Named 2013 *Super Lawyers/Rising Stars*

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that three of its attorneys have been named to Nebraska's 2013 *Great Plains Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* list, and 10 have been named to the 2013 *Texas Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* list. In addition, Austin Partner Thomas Watkins has been named a Top 50 *Super Lawyer* in Central and West Texas.

Michael S. Degan of Omaha, Neb., and Gene Summerlin of Lincoln, Neb., were named 2013 *Great Plains Super Lawyers* in the area of Business Litigation. In addition, Henry L. Wiedrich of Omaha, Neb., was named a 2013 *Great Plains Rising Star* in Employment & Labor law. This marks Wiedrich's first year on the list.

The following Husch Blackwell attorneys working in Austin, Texas, were named 2013 *Texas Super Lawyers*: Heidi Bloch in Appellate law; David W. Hilgers in Health Care law; R. Keith Hopson in Environmental law; Hal Katz in Health Care law; Stephen W. Lemmon in Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights law; and Thomas H. Watkins, a Top 50 Central and West Texas *Super Lawyer*, in Business Litigation law. Two Austin attorneys were named 2013 *Rising Stars*: Rhonda B. Mates, in the area of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights and Daniel R. Smith, in Business Litigation law. This is Mates' first year on the list.

In the firm's Dallas, Texas, office, Robert W. Dupuy was named a 2013 *Texas Super Lawyer* in the area of Real Estate law. Kevin Koronka made the list for the first time as a 2013 *Texas Rising Star* in the area of Employment & Labor law.

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Only up to 5 percent of attorneys in a state are named *Super Lawyers*. Selecting the attorneys involves an in-depth, measurable process. Peer nominations by seasoned attorneys followed by detailed evaluations are matched against third-party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on a state-by-state basis annually.

No more than 2.5 percent of attorneys in a state are named *Rising Stars*. The lawyers who make this list must be under 40 years old or have less than 10 years of legal experience. They go through the same selection process as *Super Lawyers*, excluding the peer evaluations.