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## Husch Blackwell Receives "Recommended" Ranking from *Benchmark Litigation*; 17 Attorneys Recognized

*Benchmark Litigation* recognized Husch Blackwell as a top litigation firm, listing 17 attorneys across three offices in its 2017 directory of leading litigators. The firm also received Benchmark's "Recommended" ranking in Missouri and Nebraska.

Partner Christopher Smith was named to Benchmark's "Under 40 Hot List" of top litigators under 40 and was one of only 10 Missouri attorneys named to the list.

Husch Blackwell partners Cynthia Cordes and Christine Miller were also named to the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" rankings. Miller has been named to this ranking since its 2012 inception; Cordes was first named in 2015.

The Husch Blackwell attorneys listed in the 2017 Benchmark Litigation rankings include:

### **Local Litigation Stars**

#### Kansas City

Gary Barnes – Banking, Bankruptcy, General Commercial

Cynthia Cordes – Health Care, Life Sciences, Trucking & Transportation,  
White Collar Crime

William Corum – General Commercial

Martin Loring – Consumer Litigation

## Madison

Gina Carter – Intellectual Property (from legacy firm Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek)

## St. Louis

Joseph Conran – General Commercial, Health Care, Intellectual Property, Securities

Thomas Dee – Antitrust, Consumer Litigation, Intellectual Property, Labor and Employment

Christine Miller – General Commercial, Labor and Employment, Product Liability

Gregory Minana – Health Care, Product Liability

James Monafo – Health Care, Life Sciences

Joseph Orlet – General Commercial, Intellectual Property, Product Liability

Alan Popkin – Banking

## **Future Stars**

## Kansas City

Jeffrey Simon

## St. Louis

Caroline Hermeling

Michael Nolan

JoAnn Sandifer

Christopher Smith

*Benchmark* focuses exclusively on the U.S. litigation market, with a research team conducting extensive interviews around the country with leading private practice lawyers and in-house counsel. “Local Litigation Stars” are attorneys who are recommended consistently as reputable and effective litigators by clients and peers. Lawyers who are consistently recommended by peer partners, competitors and clients as litigators who are likely to appear as local litigation stars in coming editions are recognized as “Future Stars.”