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Husch Blackwell Adds Real Estate Attorney in St. Louis

Husch Blackwell welcomes Associate Matthew D. Ahlers to its St. Louis, Mo., office. He will focus his practice primarily on real estate and development matters, bringing experience working on federal and state historic tax credit matters as well as New Markets Tax Credit transactions.

Ahlers previously served as an associate at St. Louis firm Rosenblum Goldenhersh (2013-2014). While there, he assisted clients with state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credit equity and New Markets Tax Credit transactions. He also helped developers with tax controversy matters involving the IRS, and developers and lenders in securing HUD/FHA insured financing.

Ahlers received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Saint Louis University School of Law (2013), where he was a staff member of the *Public Law Review* and received three Academic Excellence Awards. Prior and during law school, Ahlers was a regulatory and warehouse manager for Archway Sales, Inc. (2008-2013). He also previously worked as a Housing Department Manager for the Justine Peterson counseling agency (2006-2008) and as a high school social studies teacher for the Rockwood School District (2002-2006). Ahlers received his M.A. in Secondary Education, *summa cum laude*, from Maryville University in St. Louis (2002) and his B.A. in History, *summa cum laude*, from Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. (1999).

Husch Blackwell's Real Estate, Development & Construction team pursues an interdisciplinary approach to real estate matters of all size and scale. Its attorneys combine a wealth of knowledge and experience — from areas such as finance, environmental law, construction and design, corporate entities, taxation, public finance, municipal law, and dispute resolution — to offer clients customized solutions that address their real estate-related needs.