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Super Lawyers Announces 2014 Honorees in Arizona and Washington, D.C.; Three Husch Blackwell Attorneys Named

Super Lawyers 2014 recently revealed its honorees for *Southwest Super Lawyers* (covering Arizona and New Mexico) and *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers*. In Husch Blackwell's Phoenix, Ariz., office, associate Benjamin J. Kelly was named a *Rising Star* in the area of Estate Planning & Probate law. In Washington D.C., partner Michael A. Gatje was named a *Super Lawyer* in the area of Construction Litigation and associate Matthew J. Gaziano was named a *Rising Star* in the area of Government Contracts. This is the first year Kelly and Gaziano have been honored.

Only up to 5 percent of attorneys per jurisdiction 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 two-and-a-half 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.