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Husch Blackwell Names Kevin Kelley New Managing Partner for Denver

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Husch Blackwell today announced that Kevin H. Kelley has been selected as the new Managing Partner for the Denver office, effective Sept. 1, 2014. Mary H. Stuart, who held the role for the past 5 years, will continue serving on the firm's Executive Board and continues her practice focusing on labor and employment matters in the Energy & Natural Resources and Healthcare, Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals groups.

"I am very happy to announce Kevin's appointment as Managing Partner of our Denver office," said Maurice Watson, Husch Blackwell Chairman. "I admire Kevin's enthusiasm to build upon Mary's good work in raising the profile of our firm in the Denver market and building and strengthening our Denver team."

A partner in the firm's Real Estate, Development & Construction group, Kelley co-leads the group's Investment Real Estate efforts. Kelley joined Husch Blackwell in 2011 from Jacobs Chase. He is an active member of the Downtown Denver Partnership; he also serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Board of Junior Achievement – Rocky Mountain, Inc.

"Under Mary's leadership, our Denver team has grown to 36 lawyers and is now well positioned to serve clients in our core industries – energy, financial services, food & agribusiness, healthcare, real estate, and technology, manufacturing and transportation," said Kelley. "Denver has one of the nation's top economies, and Business Insider recently named Colorado as the fastest growing economy among all 50 states. It's a wonderful time to do business here. I look forward to continuing Mary's great work and leading our firm and our lawyers to deeper involvement in the Denver business community."

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"Since opening our Denver office in 2008, we have grown with excellent attorneys focused on understanding and partnering with our clients in their industries," said Stuart. "We are excited about Denver's future and Husch Blackwell's role in its development. Kevin will provide excellent leadership to our office and in the community as Husch Blackwell grows with Denver."