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Husch Blackwell Names Office Managing Partners in Wisconsin

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Husch Blackwell has named managing partners for its offices in Milwaukee, Madison and Waukesha County, Wis. The three offices were recently added to the firm's roster of locations after its business combination with Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, which was announced in April and closed last month.

Jack A. Enea has been named managing partner of the firm's Milwaukee office. He is a member of the firm's Financial Services industry group and works frequently with closely-held companies and their owners in all facets of business law. His clients span various industries, including medical practices, retailers, franchisees, financial institutions, real estate developers, suppliers, distributors, foundries, toll companies, transportation companies, software firms, and manufacturing. He also works with private equity firms and serves as legal counsel in the acquisition and sale of businesses and business assets.

Mindi Giftos will serve as managing partner of Husch Blackwell's Madison office. Giftos is a member of the firm's Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation industry group and co-leads its Data Privacy, Security & Breach Response team. Giftos assists clients with a wide variety of complex intellectual property and technology matters, including data breach preparedness planning and response, identification and protection of IP assets and data, IP litigation, and technology transfers, acquisitions and divestitures. Giftos served as the managing shareholder of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek's Madison office and currently serves on Husch Blackwell's Partner Board.

Timothy Nettesheim will serve as managing partner of the firm's Waukesha County office. He is a member of the firm's Financial Services industry group and serves public and private companies during all phases of the business life-cycle, from acquisitions to sale, and has differentiating developed expertise in the areas of transaction negotiation, negotiation training and M&A finance analysis.

“I am pleased to announce the addition of Jack, Mindi, and Tim to the firm’s management team,” commented Husch Blackwell chairman Maurice Watson. “Their legal, business, and community relationships in Wisconsin are long-standing and deep, and I look forward to working with them in growing our firm’s presence in Wisconsin and beyond.”

Enea commented, “Everything that clients looked to Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek to provide – excellent client service, creative solutions, efficiency, and deep industry knowledge – we can now offer to a greater degree, supported by Husch Blackwell’s best-in-class regional platform that enables us to move and grow with our clients.”

“The recent combination provides our clients in Madison and throughout the country with a unique and comprehensive legal resource,” said Giftos. “It’s a privilege to serve in a leadership capacity during this exciting period of time at the firm.”

“It’s an honor to serve the firm as office managing partner,” said Nettesheim. “Husch Blackwell has demonstrated its commitment to the greater Milwaukee and Wisconsin markets, and I look forward to building on its excellent track record for client service.”

Enea, Giftos and Nettesheim will continue to represent their clients while serving as office managing partners.