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Husch Blackwell Welcomes 14 Recent Law School Graduates

Husch Blackwell has hired 14 recent law school graduates that joined the firm today. The new additions are located in six different cities, will work in 10 practice areas and come from 11 law schools across the country.

Chicago, Ill.

Daniel Kim joins the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation practice group. He received his J.D. from The University of Chicago Law School (2012), where he was a member of the IP Law Society, including serving as its vice president of membership, and was a member of the Asian Law Student Association, including serving as its historian. Kim received his B.S., *magna cum laude*, in biomedical engineering from the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University (2006). While at Duke, he was awarded the two-year Pratt Fellowship, during which he researched the thermal properties and surface adhesion of elastin-like polypeptides.

Fredric E. Roth V also joins the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation group. His academic degrees include a J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law (2012), where he was president of the IP Law Society and a member of the IP moot court team; an M.S. in biology from Oakland University (2009) in Rochester, Mich., which included a three-year research program comparing the kin recognition abilities of two local paper-wasp species; and a B.S. in biology from The Ohio State University (2005), where he held multiple offices in the student government association, culminating as president.

Jefferson City, Mo.

Emily M. Park joins the firm's Healthcare group. She received her J.D. from the University of Missouri School of Law (2012) and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, in criminal justice administration with minors in English and legal

studies from Columbia College (2008) in Jefferson City, Mo. During law school, Park was an associate member and then associate editor of *Missouri Law Review* and earned three CALI Excellence for the Future Awards.

Kansas City, Mo.

Andrew T. Bergman (Drew) joins the firm's Corporate group. He received his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law (2012) and served as a staff member of the *University of Kansas Law Review*. Bergman also received two undergraduate degrees from the University of Kansas (2009) — a B.A., with distinction, in political science and a B.S., with distinction, in management and leadership. In addition to being a National Merit Scholar, in the University Honors Program and Phi Beta Kappa, he was design editor and design chief at the *University Daily Kansan* student newspaper, where he hired and managed a design staff of 10 to 15 people.

Robert J. Rojas joins the firm's Labor & Employment group. He received his J.D. from the Washburn University School of Law (2012) in Topeka, Kan. Previously, Rojas was an assistant account executive at Vanguard Media Group in Las Vegas and a legislative assistant for the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce. He received his B.A. in criminal justice with a minor in political science from the University of Nevada, Reno (2007), where he was president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and vice president of the Interfraternity Council.

Ingrid M. Wong joins the firm's Insolvency group. She received her J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law (2012), where she received the Enos Hook and the Harriet and Mancel Mitchell academic scholarships, was a staff member of the *University of Kansas Law Review*, and participated in the moot court competition. She also received her B.A. in economics with a minor in business from the University of Kansas (2009), where she was inducted into the Sigma Alpha Lambda and Golden Key honor societies and was an active member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Omaha, Neb.

Mark Hill joins the firm's Business Litigation group. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Creighton University School of Law (2010) in Omaha, Neb., during which he was the student articles editor of *Creighton Law Review* and earned nine CALI Excellence for the Future Awards. Hill received his B.A., *cum laude*, in English communications from Trinity International University (1998) in Deerfield, Ill. For the past two years, Hill has been a judicial law clerk for The Hon. William Jay Riley, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Allan M. Williams joins the firm's Corporate group. He received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School (2012) where, among his many activities, he was a staff member for the *Journal of Law and Inequality*. Williams received his B.S., *magna cum laude*, in business

administration with a concentration in accounting and finance from Creighton University (2009) in Omaha, Neb. He also has held leadership roles with numerous nonprofit and civic organizations such as the Midwest Black Law Student Association, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce and Youth Leadership Omaha.

St. Louis, Mo.

Andrew R. Meyer joins the firm's Real Estate & Development group. He received his J.D. from the Washington University School of Law (2012) in St. Louis, Mo. where he earned a CALI Excellence for the Future Award and was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. Meyer received his M.B.A., with honors, from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2009) and his B.S.B.A. in marketing — in three years — from the University of Dayton (2008).

Sandra S. Oh joins the firm's Product Liability group. She received her J.D. from the Washington University School of Law (2012) in St. Louis, Mo., and her Ph.D., M.A. and B.A. degrees in rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley (2001, 1995 and 1992, respectively). Prior to law school, Oh taught full time in the University of California, Santa Barbara's Department of Asian American Studies and then was an assistant professor in the University of Miami's English department for four years.

Mikela T. Sutrina joins the firm's Labor & Employment group. She received her J.D. from the Washington University School of Law (2012) in St. Louis, Mo., where she recently won the National Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition. Sutrina received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, in history with a minor in English from the University of Denver (2008). As an undergraduate student, Sutrina was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board honor societies, studied in Rome through an exchange program with John Cabot University, and was president of her Gamma Phi Beta sorority chapter.

Noah C. Thomas joins the firm's Toxic Tort group. He received his J.D. from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (2012) and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in history and English from Saint Louis University (2008). From 2010 to 2011, he worked as a law clerk at a personal injury law firm in Indianapolis where he drafted numerous pleadings, including complaints, briefs in opposition to motions for summary judgment, motions in limine, motions to reconsider and demands.

Andrew J. Weissler (A.J.) joins the firm's Labor & Employment group. He received his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School (2011) and his B.A. in English from Yale University (2005). Throughout law school, Weissler was a research assistant for Professor James H. Seckinger and at Yale, his activities included being president of Pop: Midwestern Pride and editor of the *Yale Angler's Journal*. As part of

the national Teach for America program, he taught English and chemistry and coached basketball and football at a high school in McAllen, Texas, for three years before law school.

Washington, D.C.

Thomas F. Rath joins the firm's Government Contracts group. He received his J.D. from American University Washington College of Law (2012) where he was senior articles editor of the *Administrative Law Review*. Rath received his B.A., *summa cum laude*, in history and philosophy with a minor in Spanish from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (2007), followed by a year of teaching English at the International Cambridge Training Center in Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco, Mexico.