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# Husch Blackwell's Energy Team Continues to Expand, Adds Second Austin Attorney in May

Husch Blackwell welcomes Patricia A. Sherman Bruce to the firm's Austin, Texas, office. Joining as a Senior Counsel member of the Energy & Natural Resources team, Sherman Bruce is the third addition to the firm's industry group in the last three weeks: Marianne Carroll also joined the team in Austin, and Michael Eason joined the Kansas City, Mo., office, both serving as Senior Counsel. Sherman Bruce has experience assisting oil and gas companies with real estate-related matters, such as obtaining division orders and agreements related to driveways and streets crossing gas pipelines.

Prior to joining Husch Blackwell, Sherman Bruce served as an associate with Austin law firm DuBois, Bryant & Campbell (2006-2015). While there, she negotiated and drafted real estate contracts, drafted easements, restrictions and real estate loan documents, negotiated loan documents and formed limited liability companies and partnerships for land acquisitions and developments. Her work with energy clients included negotiating with and advising oil and gas companies on matters relating to easements, pipeline development and division orders. Sherman Bruce also previously served as in-house counsel for LandPlan Development Corp. in Frisco, Texas (2005-2006), as closing attorney and senior vice president of Republic Title of Texas Inc. in Dallas (1997-2005), and as claims counsel and vice president of Fidelity National Title in Dallas (1995-1997).

Sherman Bruce received her J.D. from Baylor University School of Law in Waco, Texas (1995), and her B.B.A. in Marketing/Management from Baylor University (1991).

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opportunities and ongoing projects. Providing a full range of legislative, regulatory, transactional, commercial and litigation services, the group understands the evolving energy and natural resources sectors and helps clients take advantage of a constantly changing environment to achieve their strategic goals.