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Husch Blackwell Sanders Names 16 Attorneys as Partners

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Husch Blackwell Sanders is pleased to announce it has named 16 attorneys to Partnership, effective January 1, 2010. They practice from the firm's offices in St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield, Missouri, as well as Omaha, Nebraska, and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

St. Louis:

Michael D. Bokermann joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the area of corporate law. Bokermann represents clients ranging from closely held businesses to large publicly traded companies in corporate and intellectual property related matters. He also advises clients on e-commerce transactions, software and technology licensing, and website and internet related agreements. Bokermann earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Saint Louis University (2002), where he was a member of the Order of the Woolsack and served as Lead Editor of the *Journal of Health Law*. He earned his B.S., *summa cum laude*, from Truman State University (1999).

Richard M. Elias joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the area of business litigation law, handling all phases of business and complex commercial litigation. He represents *Fortune* 500 companies and other corporations, privately held companies and individuals in federal and state courts and in arbitration proceedings throughout the United States. Elias earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Missouri – Columbia (2002), where he was Note and Comment Editor for *Missouri Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif and Order of the Barristers. He earned his B.J. from the University of Missouri – Columbia (1998).

Jason A. Flower joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the area of environmental, water and natural resources law. Flower

defends clients in general business litigation and environmental litigation, including CERCLA cost recovery and contribution actions and judicial and administrative environmental enforcement actions under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. He also defends clients in personal injury and property damage lawsuits involving environmental contamination. Flower earned his J.D. from Washington University (2002), where he was on the staff of the *Washington University Law Quarterly* and graduated Order of the Coif. He earned his B.J. from the University of Missouri – Columbia (1997).

Josef S. Glynias joined the firm as an Associate in 2003. He concentrates his practice in the area of labor and employment law, routinely representing employers in both federal and state forums across the United States. Glynias has obtained summary judgment for employers in numerous employment discrimination lawsuits and has provided employment law advice to employers of all sizes. Covering all areas of labor and employment litigation, Glynias has also handled numerous class actions on behalf of his clients, including many wage and hour collective actions, and frequently represents employers in non-competition litigation. In 2006, he received the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "30 Under 30 Award" and was voted a 2009 *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer* Rising Star in the area of employment and labor law. Glynias earned his J.D. from Washington University (2003), where he graduated Order of the Coif and served as Associate Editor of *Washington University Law Quarterly*. He earned his B.J., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Missouri – Columbia (2000).

Courtney L. Hill joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. She concentrates her practice in the area of real estate and development law. Hill has assisted with the acquisition and disposition of real estate assets for major corporations. She has also prepared and negotiated significant office leases on behalf of tenants and landlords. Hill earned her J.D. from the University of Missouri – Columbia (2002), where she was Associate Managing Editor of *Missouri Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif and Order of the Barristers. She earned her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from William Woods University (1998).

Michael P. Nolan joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice on complex litigation matters involving contract disputes, business torts, product liability, medical malpractice, pharmacy malpractice, employment and class action defense. He represents *Fortune* 500 companies and other corporations, privately held companies and individuals in federal and state courts and in arbitration proceedings throughout the United States. Nolan earned his J.D. from Washington University (2002), where he was on the Dean's List and graduated Order of the Coif. He earned his B.A. from the University of Missouri – St. Louis (1992).

Matthew T. Schneider joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He counsels clients, ranging from closely held businesses to large publicly traded companies, through acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, joint ventures, succession planning and other business matters. He was voted a 2009 *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyer* Rising Star in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions law. Schneider

earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Saint Louis University (2002), where he was a member of the Order of the Woolsack. He earned his B.S., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Missouri – Columbia (1999).

Tamara M. Spicer joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. She concentrates her practice in the area of complex commercial litigation. Spicer litigates and provides advice to clients regarding a variety of business litigation matters, including contract disputes, insurance disputes, business torts, intellectual property litigation and employment litigation. She represents *Fortune* 500 companies and other corporations, educational institutions and privately held companies in state and federal courts and in arbitration proceedings throughout the United States. Spicer earned her J.D. from Northwestern University (2002) and her B.A. from Indiana University (1999).

Kansas City:

Ryan C. Brunton joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial and consumer lending, general corporate transactions, real estate development and financing and other financial and real estate transactions. Brunton represents both lenders and borrowers in asset-based, real estate secured and mezzanine financing transactions as well as several national consumer lenders with respect to loan documentation and compliance issues. He also represents developers, investors and lenders with respect to acquisitions, acquisition financing, construction financing, economic development incentive programs, commercial leasing transactions and development projects utilizing tax credit programs. Brunton earned his J.D. from the University of Kansas (2002), where he was a member of *Kansas Law Review*. He also received his M.B.A. from the University of Kansas (2002) and earned his B.S., *cum laude*, from Oklahoma State University (1998).

R. Anthony Costello joined the firm as an Associate in 2005. He concentrates his practice in the areas of labor and employment law and appellate litigation. He handles and assists in all phases of litigation. Costello earned his J.D. from Washington University (2001), and his M.A. from the University of Missouri – Columbia (1998). He earned his B.A. from the University of Kansas (1993).

Greg S. Steinberg joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He represents buyers and sellers, both public and private, in merger, acquisition and divestiture transactions in various industries and represents issuers in public equity offerings. He also counsels issuers in connection with Securities Act and Securities Exchange Act disclosure matters and assists public clients with the adoption of takeover defenses, including shareholder rights plans (poison pills). In addition, Steinberg advises corporate clients in connection with abandoned and unclaimed property matters, as well as consumer protection issues related to the issuance of gift certificates and gift cards. Steinberg earned his J.D. from the University of Kansas (2002), where he graduated Order of the Coif. He earned his B.S., *magna cum laude*, from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1999).

Springfield:

Cory L. Collins joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the area of business litigation law and handles a variety of cases including matters involving construction, real estate development, employment, contracts, and negligence and property claims. Collins concentrates on trial litigation and has tried cases before both judges and juries. Collins earned his J.D. from the University of Missouri – Columbia (2002), where he was on the Editorial Board of *Missouri Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif. He earned his B.S., *cum laude*, from Southwest Missouri State University (1999).

Jacob Sappington joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the area of business litigation law. Sappington earned his J.D. from the University of Missouri – Columbia (2002), where he was Associate Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution*. He earned his B.A., *magna cum laude* and with an Honors Certificate, from the University of Missouri – Columbia (1999).

Omaha:

Michaelle L. Baumert joined the firm as an Associate in 2004 and was named Of Counsel in 2006. She concentrates her practice in the areas of labor and employment, class actions and franchise law. Baumert advises employers on federal and state employment and labor law compliance and has successfully defended employers in federal and state litigation and administrative proceedings. She has successfully represented employers in proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board and has been successful in efforts to combat union organizing campaigns and in negotiating collective bargaining agreements. She also represents and advises clients engaged in franchise vicarious liability-related litigation. Baumert earned her J.D. from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (1996) and her B.A., with distinction and as a Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (1993).

Aaron B. Johnson joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial lending, structured finance, regulatory compliance and general corporate transactions. Johnson represents both borrowers and lenders in a variety of financing transactions, including asset-based loans, letter of credit facilities, syndicated loans and loan participations. He also advises financial institutions and other financial service providers on federal and state compliance matters, including consumer lending, money transmission and related laws. Johnson also regularly represents corporate clients in private placements of equity and debt securities and in general corporate and commercial matters. Johnson earned his J.D., with high distinction, from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (2002), where he was Research Editor for *Nebraska Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif. He earned his B.S., *magna cum laude*, from William Jewell College (1999).

Chattanooga:

Ryan W. Mitchem joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. He concentrates his practice in the area of business litigation. Mitchem represents publicly traded corporations, privately held companies, lenders and individuals in federal and state courts throughout the United States. He is licensed to practice law in both Tennessee and Alabama. He has significant experience in litigation relating to commercial lending, lender liability, insurance coverage, wills and estates, franchises, employment matters, construction disputes, premises liability and environmental and general commercial litigation. Mitchem earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Alabama (2002), where he was Senior Editor of *Alabama Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif. He earned his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Alabama (1999).