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Husch Blackwell Again Achieves Highest Rankings in *Benchmark Litigation* 2016; 21 Attorneys Recognized

Husch Blackwell secured significant recognition as a top national litigation firm in 2016 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*'s 2016 rankings. The guide individually recognized 21 attorneys from the firm's Colorado, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska offices. *Benchmark Litigation* is the only publication to focus exclusively on litigation in the U.S. and annually names the leading litigation firms.

Husch Blackwell's Litigation practice received the "Recommended" ranking in Missouri and Nebraska. The firm has "one of the strongest toxic and mass tort practices in the country, quoting Husch Blackwell clients in the guide's summary of the firm's accomplishments.

Partners Cynthia L. Cordes and Christine F. Miller were again named in the 2016 Top 250 Women in Litigation rankings. They are two of only seven Missouri women selected. Miller has been named to the list since the honor commenced in 2012, and Cordes was first named in 2015.

In addition to the firm's top ranking, 15 Husch Blackwell attorneys were listed as Local Litigation Stars and 6 as Future Stars.

The following Husch Blackwell attorneys listed in the 2016 Benchmark Litigation rankings are:

Local Litigation Star

Jeffrey A. Chase - Denver

Local Litigation Star

James P. White – Chicago

Local Litigation Stars

Gary D. Barnes – Kansas City

Cynthia L. Cordes – Kansas City

William E. Corum – Kansas City

Martin M. Loring – Kansas City

William A. “Spike” Lynch – Kansas City

John R. Phillips – Kansas City

Future Star

Jeffrey J. Simon - Kansas City

Local Litigation Stars

Joseph P. Conran – St. Louis

Thomas M. Dee – St. Louis

Christine F. Miller – St. Louis

Gregory J. Minana – St. Louis

James F. Monafo – St. Louis

Joseph C. Orlet – St. Louis

Alan E. Popkin – St. Louis

Future Stars

Caroline L. Hermeling - St. Louis

Michael P. Nolan - St. Louis

JoAnn T. Sandifer - St. Louis

Christopher A. Smith – St. Louis

Future Star

Michael S. Degan - Omaha

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In its ninth year, *Benchmark Litigation* has become the “definitive guide to America’s leading litigation firms and attorneys” and is the only publication to focus exclusively on U.S. litigation.

Benchmark Litigation

compiles its results from a culmination of a six-months of research where extensive interviews with litigators and their clients are conducted to identify the leading litigators and firms. During these interviews, researchers examine recent casework handled by law firms and ask individual litigators to offer their professional opinions on peers. Firms cannot pay to be recommended for the guide. The publication’s local litigation stars are recommended consistently by peers and clients as reputable and effective litigators, while future stars are litigators who are highlighted as likely to become local litigation stars in coming editions.