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The *Best Lawyers in America*® has listed 170 Husch Blackwell lawyers in its 2021 edition, including 12 attorneys who have been named "Lawyer of the Year" in their respective areas and 27 attorneys who are being recognized for the first time.

The directory was first published in 1983 and is based on a national survey involving detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

Husch Blackwell's 2021 Best Lawyers "Lawyers of the Year" are:

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Gary H. Feder — Land Use and Zoning Law

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Springfield

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Francis H. LoCoco — Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

Eric J. Meier — Litigation – Construction

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ARIZONA
Phoenix

Christopher E. Erblich — Trusts and Estates (2007)

Josh Grabel — Construction Law, Litigation – Construction (2015)

Jamie L. Halavais — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Benjamin J. Kelly — Trusts and Estates (2020)

COLORADO
Denver

Andrea Austin — Real Estate Law (2021)

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Jeffrey A. Chase — Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, First Amendment Law (1989)

Barbara A. Grandjean — Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management, *Litigation – Labor & Employment* (2016)

Kevin H. Kelley — Real Estate Law (2015)

Steven N. Levine — Corporate Law (2016)

Joseph E. Lubinski — Real Estate Law (2015)

Chris Ottele — Litigation – Labor and Employment (2021)

ILLINOIS
Chicago

Edward D. Manzo — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2010)

MISSOURI
Jefferson City

Lowell Pearson — Government Contracts (2018)

Harvey M. Tettlebaum — Health Care Law (1995)

Thomas D. Vaughn — Health Care Law (2018)

Kansas City

James M. Ash — Corporate Law, International Mergers & Acquisitions, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (1995)

Edward L. Barker — Health Care Law (2020)

Gary D. Barnes — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (1995)

Mark T. Benedict — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (2008)

Kirsten A. Byrd — Insurance Law (2021)

Steven F. Carman — Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (2005)

Curt J. Chase — Health Care Law (2007)

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John C. Crossley — Real Estate Law (2015)

John J. Cruciani — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, *Litigation – Bankruptcy* (2009)

Michael Fielding — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (2021)

James G. Goettsch — Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2008)

Craig A. Kovarik — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2009)

Martin M. Loring — Energy Law (2009)

Patricia L. Martin — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2008)

Larry L. McMullen — Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (1983)

Paul F. Pautler, Jr. — Employment Law – Management, *Litigation – Labor and Employment* (2013)

David B. Raymond — Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2008)

Charles G. Renner — Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2014

Jason A. Reschly — Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law (2003)

Christopher J. Rockers — Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law (2006)

Kirstin P. Salzman — International Mergers & Acquisitions (2019)

Jeffrey J. Simon — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Intellectual Property (2010)

Gaylord Smith — Real Estate Law (2020)

Julianne Story — Litigation – Labor and Employment (2021)

Derek Teeter — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Cori Casey Turner — Health Care Law (2019)

Mark D. Welker — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1995)

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Springfield

David C. Agee — Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Equipment Finance Law (2007)

J. Michael Bridges — Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Cory L. Collins — Litigation – Real Estate (2020)

Ginger K. Gooch — Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Bryan O. Wade — Media Law (2016)

Christopher F. Weiss — Litigation – Land Use and Zoning (2021)

St. Louis

Craig A. Adoor — Corporate Law, *Mergers and Acquisitions Law*, Securities/Capital Markets Law (2007)

Michelle W. Alvey — Copyright Law (2014)

Michael R. Annis — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2010)

Mark G. Arnold — Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2001)

Caroline Chicoine — Trademark Law (2021)

Joseph P. Conran — Commercial Litigation (2008)

J. Andrew Crossett — Real Estate Law (2021)

Gary H. Feder — Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2007)

Kara R. Fussner — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2018)

Jonathan W. Giokas — *Banking and Finance Law*, *Land Use and Zoning Law*, Real Estate Law (2018)

Ruth Hays — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1995)

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Kenneth R. Heineman — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2005)

Caroline L. Hermeling — Construction Law, *Land Use and Zoning Law*, Real Estate Law (2015)

Brad Hiles — Litigation – Environmental (1995)

Courtney L. Hill — Real Estate Law (2018)

Jennifer E. Hoekel — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2014)

William M. Hof — Real Estate Law (2018)

Steven E. Holtshouser — Litigation – Intellectual Property (2018)

David R. Human – Real Estate Law (2015)

Alan H. Kandel — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2010)

Raymond S. Kreienkamp — Tax Law, Trusts and Estates (2007)

Mark R. Leuchtmann — Trusts and Estates (2001)

Edward J. Lieberman — Banking and Finance Law (2010)

David A. Linenbroker — Real Estate Law (2010)

Daisy Manning — Litigation – Intellectual Property (2021)

James W. Mathis — Corporate Law (2021)

Christine F. Miller — Employment Law – Management, *Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants*, *Product Liability Litigation - Defendants* (2013)

J.Y. Miller — Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants (2021)

James F. Monafo — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Alan S. Nemes — Copyright Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Trademark Law (2005)

Sonni Fort Nolan — Employment Law – Management (2017)

Mary Anne O'Connell — Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2007)

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Joseph C. Orlet — Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, *Product Liability Litigation - Defendants* (2013)

Jill M. Palmquist— Trusts and Estates (2016)

Matthew G. Perlow — *Nonprofit / Charities Law*, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Terry L. Potter — Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Labor Law – Union, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2012)

David G. Richardson — Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

JoAnn T. Sandifer — Commercial Litigation (2020)

Ernesto R. Segura — Real Estate Law (2021)

Kenneth A. Slavens — Litigation – Construction (2005)

Gregory R. Smith — Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

Melissa K. Smith-Groff — Real Estate Law (2021)

David W. Sobelman — Commercial Litigation (2020)

James R. Strong — Trusts and Estates (2003)

Rudolph A. Telscher — Litigation – Intellectual Property, *Litigation – Patent* (2012)

Randall S. Thompson — Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Union, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2013)

Robert J. Tomaso — Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2006)

Marshall C. Turner — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (2020)

Frans J. von Kaenel — Real Estate Law (2018)

Amy Wachs — Environmental Law (2021)

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NEBRASKA
Omaha

Adam N. Charlsen — Real Estate Law (2020)

David E. Gardels — Corporate Law, International Trade and Finance Law (2005)

Todd A. Richardson — Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, *Real Estate Law* (2006)

Victoria H. Sitz — Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021)

TENNESSEE
Chattanooga

Alan L. Cates — Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Non-Profit/Charities Law, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Ronald I. Feldman — Real Estate Law (2010)

James D. Henderson — Real Estate Law (2018)

TEXAS
Austin

Lynn Hamilton Butler — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2021)

Diane T. Carter — Health Care Law (2021)

Joseph V. Geraci — Health Care Law (2021)

Jerry L. Harris — Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2018)

David W. Hilgers — Health Care Law (1995)

Lorinda G. Holloway — Health Care Law (2021)

Eleanor “Cacki” Chote Jewart — Real Estate Law (2018)

Hal Katz — Health Care Law (2008)

Nikelle Susanne Meade— Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law (2018)

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Ace Pickens — Health Care Law (1993)

Julian Rivera — Health Care Law (2010)

Scott D. Schneider — Education Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management (2016)

Mark Vane — Government Relations Practice (2008)

Thomas H. Watkins — Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – Patent (1989)

Bob Werner — Real Estate Law (2013)

Dallas

Steven S. Camp — Banking and Finance Law (2013)

Scott L. Davis — Commercial Litigation (2015)

R. Tyler Johnson — Real Estate Law (2021)

Charles W. Morris — Real Estate Law (2003)

David H. Timmins — Insurance Law (2016)

Eric J. Weatherford — Health Care Law (2021)

Houston

Randall A. Rios— Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2016)

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Salt Lake City

David R. Rudd – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Venture Capital Law (2006)

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Hal Perloff — Litigation – Construction (2020)

Brian P. Waagner — Litigation – Construction (2021)

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Linda L. Walsh — Energy Law (2007)

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Madison

Jon E. Anderson — Education Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2009)

Gina Carter — Litigation – Patent (2011)

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Meg S.L. Pekarske — Health Care Law (2010)

Jed A. Roher — Corporate Law, Tax Law (2018)

Thomas N. Shorter — Education Law, Health Care Law (2007)

Milwaukee

Steven R. Allen — Trusts and Estates (2008)

Ross A. Anderson — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate, Litigation – Securities (2011)

Bruce G. Arnold — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Health Care Law (2005)

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Lydia J. Chartre — Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2018)

Brad Dallet — Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2009)

Jack A. Enea — Corporate Law (2019)

Daniel W. Gentges — Real Estate Law (2010)

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Daniel B. Geraghty — Litigation and Controversy - Tax (2016)

Philip J. Halley — Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates (1995)

David C. Hertel — Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2012)

M. Rhett Holland — Trusts and Estates (2018)

William E. Hughes — Employment Law – Management (2014)

Hal D. Karas — Real Estate Law (2009)

Philip Koutnik — Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2018)

Steven Laabs — Corporate Law (2021)

Joshua B. Levy — Construction Law (2017)

Francis H. LoCoco — Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2003)

J. Michael Long — Corporate Law (2021)

Ann M. Maher — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate (2012)

Eric J. Meier — Construction Law, Litigation – Construction (2016)

Philip J. Miller — Trusts and Estates (2007)

Daniel J. Miske — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2012)

Rebecca H. Mitich — *Community Association Law*, Real Estate Law (2020)

Kenneth R. Nowakowski — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Patent (2013)

Tamara Hayes O'Brien — Commercial Litigation (2013)

Joseph A. Pickart — Litigation and Controversy – Tax (2013)

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Karen L. Tidwall — Commercial Litigation (2016)

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