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## Husch Blackwell Earns Third Consecutive Year as ABA Free Legal Answers Leader

The ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service has recognized Husch Blackwell as an ABA Free Legal Answers Pro Bono Leader firm for 2020. This is the third year in a row the firm has earned this recognition.

Each year, the committee recognizes individual attorneys, law firms and law departments that have provided extraordinary pro bono services through ABA Free Legal Answers. In 2020, Husch Blackwell attorneys answered 119 civil legal questions donating 266 pro bono hours to this project, helping ensure that low-income individuals receive needed legal assistance.

“Husch Blackwell attorneys and staff transitioned to working from home in March 2020 with the rest of the nation, and Free Legal Answers was a perfect fit for our attorneys working in the new virtual environment,” said Margaret Richards, Husch Blackwell’s director of pro bono services. “With most of the in-person legal aid clinics suspended last year, many vulnerable people experienced unmet legal needs. Fortunately, our attorneys jumped right in—online, that is—and gave back to our communities by doing so.”

Husch Blackwell attorneys across the firm performed 22,457 total hours of pro bono legal assistance in 2020, helping 288 organizations and 375 individuals. The firm’s report, *Rising to the Challenge*, recognizes attorneys and other professionals who dedicated pro bono hour service from October 2019-September 2020.