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Juvenile and Family Court Group Awards Jackson County Pro Bono Attorneys

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) has chosen a group of Jackson County (MO) pro bono attorneys, including Husch Blackwell's Daniel Berezoski, to receive its Impact of the Year Award.

The Jackson County Pro Bono Attorneys (called "the Pro Bonos" by NCJFCJ) consists of attorneys who practice within or work for law firms or legal departments and represent parents or juveniles in Jackson County Family Court abuse, neglect or delinquency cases. The attorneys have an average of more than 15 years' experience in the juvenile justice field, bringing necessary resources and skills to best serve the children and families they represent.

"This group of attorneys does an amazing job in working with clients who often are found to be in a challenging or crisis situation regarding their children," said Lori Stipp, juvenile officer for the Jackson County Family Court in a NCJFCJ press release. "These attorneys provide legal advocacy along with substantial emotional support for their clients while working through the reunification process with their children. While the cases for many areas of the legal system slowed down this year, the cases involving families did not let up and perhaps demanded even more attention and compassion from legal counsel. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated advocates in these difficult cases."

The award will be presented to the Pro Bonos at the organization's 7th annual Justice Innovation Awards ceremony at the NCJFCJ's 84th Annual Conference in St. Louis July 20.