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Husch Blackwell Taps Custer to Co-Lead Cannabis Team

Husch Blackwell has named partner Marshall Custer as co-leader of the firm's 80-plus lawyer Cannabis practice group. Custer will share leadership duties for the team with partner Steve Levine, who was appointed by the firm to lead its Food & Agribusiness strategic business unit. Levine was a prime mover in creating Husch Blackwell's cannabis practice and has led the group for the past decade.

Custer has worked with industrial hemp and marijuana companies since the industry's beginning. He works closely with individual entrepreneurs and executives on regulatory compliance, corporate structuring, debt and equity financing, governance, securities compliance, and mergers and acquisitions.

In 2021, Custer was ranked by *Chambers USA* as a leading attorney in Cannabis Law and was mentioned as a key lawyer of the Cannabis group by *The Legal 500*.

"Marshall is a strategic and pragmatic leader" said Levine. "His significant industry experience, business acumen, and legal prowess make him the right co-leader for our cannabis practice going forward."