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# Husch Blackwell Again Achieves Mansfield Certification Plus

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that it has achieved the Mansfield Certification Plus designation for the third consecutive year.

To receive Mansfield Certification, law firms must consider at least 30 percent women, attorneys of color or LGBTQ+ attorneys and lawyers with disabilities for 70 percent or more of the firm's leadership positions, equity partner promotions, formal client pitch opportunities, and senior lateral positions. Husch Blackwell was awarded a "Plus" distinction for the third year in a row indicating that, in addition to meeting or exceeding the baseline certification requirements, the firms have successfully reached at least 30 percent underrepresented lawyer representation in a notable number of their current leadership roles.

The Mansfield Certification program is operated by Diversity Lab, an incubator for innovative ideas and solutions that boost diversity and inclusion in law. The program's goal is to boost the representation of diverse lawyers in law firm leadership by broadening the pool of candidates considered for these opportunities. Diversity Lab launched the program, named for Arabella Mansfield, the first woman admitted to practice law in the United States in 1869, in 2018.