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Husch Blackwell Elects 36 to 2022 Partnership Class

Husch Blackwell has elected 36 attorneys to the firm's partnership, effective January 1, 2022.

This year's class, which is the largest in the firm's history and one of the most diverse cohorts to date, is composed of 44% women and 14% people of color, spanning 13 offices and all six of the firm's industry teams. Husch Blackwell was recently recognized by the Diversity & Flexibility Alliance as a 2021 "Tipping the Scales" firm, which recognizes law firms for having at least half of their U.S.-based new partner class comprised of women.

The Husch Blackwell Partnership Class of 2022 includes:

Stephen Agee	Andrew Hodgson	Josie Metzler
Matthew Ahlers	Robert Hurtt	Christina Moore
Yinka Ajagunna	Alex Jashinsky	Erin Olshever
Jordan Bergkamp	Cynthia Juedemann	Randall Rios
Myers Dill	Matthew Kamps	Elizabeth Samples
Patrick Eckelkamp	Kaytlin Kopen	Nida Shakir Ghaffar
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Andrew Frost	David Lopez	Rebecca Taylor
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Brian Hembd	Emily Lyons	Yuefan Wang
Molly Hobbs	Michael Martinich-Sauter	Jennifer Witt

These 36 attorneys have demonstrated a commitment to maintaining and growing our firm's culture," said Chair Catherine Hanaway. In addition to serving clients and giving back to their communities through pro bono efforts, these new partners have also spent an average of 10 hours each this year on various Diversity, Equity & Inclusion-related activities including our Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Diversity Liaison Program and Associate Mentoring and Coaching. We could not be prouder in welcoming them to the firm's partnership.

Husch Blackwell's Diversity Liaison Program, which began in February 2020, is a one-on-one mentoring program that pairs partners and senior attorneys with attorneys of color and those who identify as LGBTQ+. More than 16% of this year's partner class participates in the program, which includes 111 diverse associates, senior counsel and staff attorneys.

Earlier this year Husch Blackwell hired Amanda Garcia-Williams as the firm's first Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer where she will lead the firm's diversity and inclusion efforts for lawyers and staff, including implementation of strategy, best practices, programs, initiatives, and training.

It's wonderful to see the promotion of so many talented people, and we are especially proud of the work we have done to identify and promote exceptional women into the partnership ranks; however, that is only one part of the equation," Garcia-Williams said. "This year's class is 14% people of color.

While that number is above average for firms of our size according to the most recent ABA Model Diversity report, it's not where we want to be, and we are proactively looking for ways to improve that number.

Husch Blackwell was recently the recipient of Mansfield Plus certification for the third consecutive year, and a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index for the sixth year in a row.