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Tom Miller Joins Husch Blackwell's Intellectual Property Group

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that veteran intellectual property lawyer Tom Miller has joined the firm as a partner in its Milwaukee office and Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation industry group.

Over the course of 30 years in private practice, Miller has developed a stellar reputation in the area of intellectual property (IP) law. He has been recognized on multiple occasions by leading legal directories as a preeminent IP lawyer, including in 2022 when he was named Lawyer of the Year in Milwaukee Intellectual Property Litigation by Thomson Reuters' *Best Lawyers in America*.

Miller's IP practice is focused on developing broad strategies to protect the large IP portfolios of innovator companies. He works with clients from early-stage product development through to commercialization and corporate transactions and frequently provides legal opinions during the product development process. He also manages IP due diligence, offering a wealth of experience evaluating intellectual property assets included in M&A transactions to assess their strategic value, their ability to be integrated into existing product lines, and their potential for opening new areas of business for his clients. He has represented companies in heavy equipment manufacturing, financial services, and the software-as-a-service (SaaS) sector. He has particular experience with machine-control systems and software, including various applications for autonomous machine operation, IoT and radio frequency identification (RFID) technologies.

"Few attorneys have attained the level of respect that Tom has reached," said Jeff Sigmund, the head of Husch Blackwell's Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation industry group. "He is authoritative and practical and has the unique ability to connect intellectual property challenges to the larger issues of

overall corporate strategy. Our clients will greatly appreciate having someone of Tom's caliber on board."

"Husch Blackwell has distinguished itself as a law firm that puts its client first, and that really resonates with me and the way I approach my practice," said Miller. "The firm's IP team is first-rate and full-service, and I look forward to helping it grow during this next phase of my career."

Prior to joining Husch Blackwell, Miller enjoyed a long career in private practice and has been involved in law firm management both at the management committee and practice-group level. Miller also spent two years as a field service engineer with a medical device company at the outset of his career. Miller received his J.D. from Marquette University Law School and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Marquette University.