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Best Lawyers in America® Places More than 170 Husch Blackwell Lawyers in 2023 Rankings

The Best Lawyers in America® has listed 175 Husch Blackwell lawyers in its 2023 edition, including 11 attorneys who have been named "Lawyer of the Year" in their respective areas and 14 attorneys who are being recognized for the first time. The directory was first published in 1983 and is based on a national survey involving detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

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Springfield

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Advertising & Marketing

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Banking & Finance

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Class Action Defense

Commercial Litigation

Copyrights

Corporate

Energy Regulation

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Ginger K. Gooch — Real Estate Law

St. Louis

Caroline L. Hermeling — Litigation – Real Estate

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ARIZONA
Phoenix

Christopher E. Erblich — Trusts and Estates (2007)

Benjamin J. Kelly — Trusts and Estates (2020)

CALIFORNIA
Oakland

Lisa L. Oberg — Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2019)

COLORADO
Denver

Andrea Austin — Real Estate Law (2021)

Jeffrey A. Chase — Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, First Amendment Law (1989)

Barbara A. Grandjean — Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor & Employment (2016)

Kevin H. Kelley — Real Estate Law (2015)

Steven N. Levine — Corporate Law (2016)

Chris Ottele — *Employment Law – Management*, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2021)

ILLINOIS
Chicago

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Aron Carnahan — Litigation – Intellectual Property

Jen L. Dlugosz — Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Don J. Mizerk — Litigation – Intellectual Property

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston

Robert K. Blaisdell — *Administrative/Regulatory Law*, Health Care Law (2020)

Crystal M. Bloom — Health Care Law (2022)

Andrew S. Levine — Health Care Law (2021)

Amanda G. Orcutt — Education Law

Sean T. Ryan — Health Care Law (2021)

MISSOURI
Jefferson City

Lowell Pearson — *Commercial Litigation*, Government Contracts, *Litigation – Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)* (2018)

Harvey M. Tettlebaum — Health Care Law (1995)

Thomas D. Vaughn — Health Care Law (2018)

Kansas City

James M. Ash — Corporate Law, International Mergers & Acquisitions, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (1995)

Edward L. Barker — Health Care Law (2020)

Gary D. Barnes — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (1995)

Mark T. Benedict — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (2008)

Kirsten A. Byrd — *Commercial Litigation*, Insurance Law (2021)

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Steven F. Carman — Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, *Mergers & Equity Law* (2005)

Curt J. Chase — Health Care Law (2007)

John J. Cruciani — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, *Litigation – Bankruptcy* (2009)

Ted J. Dale — Real Estate Law (2022)

Michael Fielding — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (2021)

Craig A. Kovarik — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2009)

Martin M. Loring — Energy Law (2009)

Patricia L. Martin — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2008)

John D. Moore — Franchise Law

Paul F. Pautler, Jr. — Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2013)

David B. Raymond — Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2008)

Charles G. Renner — Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2014)

Jason A. Reschly — Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Tax Law (2003)

Christopher J. Rockers — Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law (2006)

Kirstin P. Salzman — International Mergers & Acquisitions, *Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law* (2019)

Jeffrey J. Simon — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Intellectual Property (2010)

Julianne Story — Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2021)

Derek Teeter — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Cori Casey Turner — Health Care Law (2019)

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Mark D. Welker — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1995)

Edward V. Wilson — Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law

Springfield

David C. Agee — Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Equipment Finance Law (2007)

J. Michael Bridges — Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Cory L. Collins — Litigation – Real Estate (2020)

Michael Cosby — International Mergers and Acquisitions

Ginger K. Gooch — Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Bryan O. Wade — Media Law (2016)

St. Louis

Craig A. Adoor — Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law (2007)

Michael R. Annis — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2010)

Caroline Chicoine — *Advertising Law*, Trademark Law (2021)

Patrick T. Conner — Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Trusts and Estates

J. Andrew Crossett — Real Estate Law (2021)

Kara R. Fussner — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2018)

Jonathan W. Giokas — Banking and Finance Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2018)

Josef S. Glynias — *Employment Law – Management*, Litigation – Labor and Employment

Erik L. Hansell — Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Ruth Hays — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1995)

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Caroline L. Hermeling — Construction Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, *Litigation – Real Estate*, Real Estate Law (2015)

Courtney L. Hill — Real Estate Law (2018)

Jennifer E. Hoekel — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2014)

William M. Hof — Real Estate Law (2018)

Steven E. Holtshouser — Litigation – Intellectual Property (2018)

Bryan Hopkins — Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

David R. Human – Real Estate Law (2015)

Alan H. Kandel — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2010)

Raymond S. Kreienkamp — Tax Law, Trusts and Estates (2007)

W. Robert Leible — Trusts and Estates

David B. Lemkemeier — Real Estate Law (2014)

Mark R. Leuchtmann — Trusts and Estates (2001)

David A. Linenbroker — Real Estate Law (2010)

Vicki L. Little — *Franchise Law*, Litigation – Banking and Finance (2016)

Daisy Manning — Litigation – Intellectual Property (2021)

Melissa M. Merlin — Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2022)

Christine F. Miller — Employment Law – Management, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013)

J.Y. Miller — Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, *Product Liability Litigation - Defendants* (2021)

Gregory J. Minana — Commercial Litigation (2022)

James F. Monafo — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Brandan P. Mueller — Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2022)

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Sonni Fort Nolan — Employment Law – Management (2017)

Mary Anne O'Connell — Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2007)

Joseph C. Orlet — Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013)

Jill M. Palmquist— Trusts and Estates (2016)

Matthew G. Perlow — Nonprofit / Charities Law, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Terry L. Potter — Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Labor Law – Union, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2012)

David G. Richardson — Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

JoAnn T. Sandifer — Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2020)

Ernesto R. Segura — Real Estate Law, *Project Finance Law*, *Real Estate Law* (2021)

Kenneth A. Slavens — Litigation – Construction (2005)

Gregory R. Smith — Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

Melissa K. Smith-Groff — Real Estate Law (2021)

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James R. Strong — Trusts and Estates (2003)

Rudolph A. Telscher — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2012)

Randall S. Thompson — Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Union, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2013)

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Amy Wachs — Environmental Law (2021)

NEBRASKA
Omaha

Adam N. Charlsen — Real Estate Law (2020)

David E. Gardels — Corporate Law, International Trade and Finance Law (2005)

Victoria H. Sitz — Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021)

RHODE ISLAND
Providence

Jeffrey F. Chase-Lubitz – Administrative/Regulatory Law, Health Care Law (1995)

TENNESSEE
Chattanooga

Alan L. Cates — Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Non-Profit/Charities Law, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Ronald I. Feldman — Real Estate Law (2010)

Patrick K. Shockey — Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Personal Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021)

TEXAS
Austin

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Diane T. Carter (2021) — Health Care Law

Joseph V. Geraci (2021) — Health Care Law

David W. Hilgers — Health Care Law (1995)

Lorinda G. Holloway (2021) — Health Care Law

Eleanor “Cacki” Chote Jewart — Real Estate Law (2018)

Doug Jones — Tax Law (2022)

Hal Katz — Health Care Law (2008)

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Nikelle Susanne Meade— Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law (2018)

Ace Pickens — Health Care Law (1993)

Scott D. Schneider — Education Law, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management (2016)

Mark Vane — Government Relations Practice (2008)

Thomas H. Watkins — Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental, Litigation – Patent (1989)

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Dallas

Steven S. Camp — Banking and Finance Law (2013)

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Scott L. Davis — Commercial Litigation (2015)

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Charles W. Morris — Real Estate Law (2003)

David H. Timmins — Insurance Law (2016)

Houston

Jeffery T. Nobles — Appellate Practice (2022)

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Madison

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Gina Carter — Litigation – Patent (2011)

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Jed A. Roher — Corporate Law, Tax Law (2018)

Thomas N. Shorter — Education Law, Health Care Law (2007)

Milwaukee

Steven R. Allen — Trusts and Estates (2008)

Bruce G. Arnold — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Health Care Law (2005)

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Lydia J. Chartre — Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2018)

Smitha Chintamaneni — Construction Law, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2021)

Brad Dallet — Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2009)

Jack A. Enea — Corporate Law (2019)

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Daniel W. Gentges — Real Estate Law (2010)

Daniel B. Geraghty — Litigation and Controversy - Tax (2016)

Philip J. Halley — Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates (1995)

David C. Hertel — Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2012)

M. Rhett Holland — Trusts and Estates (2018)

William E. Hughes — Employment Law – Management (2014)

Dieter J. Juedes — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Hal Karas — Real Estate Law (2009)

Philip Koutnik — Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2018)

Joshua B. Levy — Construction Law, *Litigation – Construction*, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2017)

Francis H. LoCoco — Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2003)

J. Michael Long — Corporate Law (2021)

Ann M. Maher — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate (2012)

Eric J. Meier — Construction Law, Litigation—Construction (2016)

Philip J. Miller — Trusts and Estates (2007)

Daniel J. Miske — Commercial Litigation, *Community Association Law*, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2012)

Rebecca H. Mitich — *Banking and Finance Law*, Community Association Law, Real Estate Law (2020)

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