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# Husch Blackwell Adds Two Partners to Its Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation Group

**NEW ARRIVALS PROVIDE DEPTH IN THE AREAS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that Stephen Ball and Chris Erker have joined the firm's Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation business unit as partners. Erker practices out of the firm's St. Louis office, and Ball joins The Link, Husch Blackwell's virtual office, and is resident in Stamford, Connecticut.

A veteran intellectual property lawyer, Ball has developed the strategic IP framework protecting billions of dollars' worth of his clients' product sales. He has a deep understanding of patent and trademark law and is regularly engaged for opinion work, IP strategy, licensing, and IP due diligence for mergers and acquisitions. He has prepared and prosecuted thousands of patent applications in technologies such as computer/Internet, electronics, robotics, materials, medical devices, food services, biotech/pharma, power generation, green technology, and consumer products. His trademark practice includes a vast array of trademark enforcement and anti-counterfeiting policing for brand owners in industries such as fashion, software, biotech, and consumer products.

Erker has advised corporations on virtually all matters pertaining to environmental law. He has counseled clients on developing and implementing regulatory compliance programs, particularly in industries with complex manufacturing processes; assisted clients in complying with permits, recovering cleanup costs, obtaining environmental insurance coverage, and

analyzing the impact of conservation laws and wetlands on real estate development; and advised financial and strategic buyers on the environmental risks associated with mergers and acquisitions.