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# Three Husch Blackwell Attorneys Nominated for 2023 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Programs

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that three of its attorneys have been selected to participate in two Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) programs for 2023.

Austin-based partner Danielle Gilbert has been selected as Husch Blackwell's 2023 LCLD Fellows nominee. Taylor Wood, senior associate in Austin, and Bernardo Zito Porto, associate in Kansas City, have been named 2023 LCLD Pathfinders.

"The Fellows Program is an exceptional opportunity to connect with talented attorneys and learn invaluable leadership skills," Gilbert said. "I am thankful to Husch Blackwell for investing in the professional development and growth of its diverse attorneys."

Recognized as LCLD's flagship program, the Fellows Program provides mid-career, diverse, high-potential attorneys with leadership training, professional and personal development opportunities, and other career building offerings. Law firms may annually nominate one attorney to participate.

The Pathfinder Program, designed for diverse junior attorneys with three-to-seven years of practice experience, offers participants essential tools to leverage professional networks, build leadership skills, and otherwise bolster their legal careers. Firms may nominate two attorneys to participate annually.

"Through the Pathfinder Program, I hope to gain experience and lessons that I can someday pay forward to the next generation of young, diverse attorneys," Wood said.

“I look forward to connecting with peers from all over the country and establishing relationships that will not only contribute to my personal and professional development but will also advance DE&I efforts at Husch Blackwell and in our communities,” said Zito Porto.

Founded in 2009, LCLD comprises corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners who are personally committed to creating a diverse legal profession.