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Husch Blackwell Adds Los Angeles-Based Labor & Employment Partner Jon McNutt

National law firm Husch Blackwell continued its growth in California with the addition of labor and employment partner Jon McNutt, who joins the Los Angeles office, as a member of the firm's Healthcare, Life Sciences, & Education industry group.

McNutt focuses his practice on assisting businesses, including education, transportation and logistics, and healthcare clients through complex labor and employment matters. He is a leading authority in traditional labor on behalf of management – advising employers in union campaigns, serving as chief negotiator in collective bargaining, defending employers in union grievances, arbitrations, representation cases, and unfair labor practice charges before the National Labor Relations Board.

McNutt counsels employers on a wide variety of employment and labor issues, including employee terminations, workplace investigations, management training, reduction-in-force planning, and conducts wage and hour and employer practices audits. McNutt also litigates high-stakes wage and hour class and Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) actions and single plaintiff employment suits, on behalf of employers in a variety of industries.

“Demand for labor related legal services is exploding in the non-profit sector, especially in the higher education and healthcare spaces,” said Curt Chase, partner and leader of Husch Blackwell's Healthcare, Life Sciences, & Education industry group. “California, in particular, is a focal point for union activity, as the first union campaign to organize student athletes in the state is underway at the University of Southern California. Jon is not only a terrific practitioner, but adds additional depth to the firm's labor practice. We're delighted he's joined Husch Blackwell.”

Having served as in-house and outside counsel over more than 20 years of practice, McNutt is well known in higher education, representing colleges and universities throughout California and across the nation.

“Jon’s clients and his experience will contribute significantly to our team’s growth in California,” said Sean Tassi, partner and leader of Husch Blackwell’s higher education practice specialty team.

“Husch Blackwell is a powerhouse firm in the healthcare and higher education spaces and its deep bench and national platform will greatly benefit my clients that have growing needs outside of labor and employment,” McNutt said. “The firm’s presence has grown tremendously in Southern California, and I’m looking forward to helping build on that positive momentum.”

In April, Husch Blackwell also added labor and employment litigator Robert Hudock as a partner in its Los Angeles office.