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More than 150 Husch Blackwell Attorneys Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch

The Best Lawyers in America® has named 156 Husch Blackwell lawyers to its 2025 "Ones to Watch" listing, 14 of whom are being listed for the first time. The "Ones to Watch" list, established in 2020, recognizes attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.

New Ones to Watch honorees are listed in bold type.

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Phoenix

Jessica Brown – Litigation - Antitrust; Litigation - Labor and Employment

Courtney L. Miner – Trusts and Estates

Sean J. Quinn – Health Care Law

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Los Angeles

Hilda A. Akopyan – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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Paloma Moreno-Acosta – Labor and Employment Law - Management

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COLORADO
Denver

Services

- Appellate
- Banking & Finance
- Cannabis
- Class Action Defense
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction & Design
- Construction Litigation
- Corporate
- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Employment Litigation Defense
- Energy Regulation
- ERISA & Employee Benefits Litigation
- Insolvency & Commercial Bankruptcy
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- K-12 Education
- Labor & Employment
- Land Use

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Marshall Custer – Corporate Law

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Megan Fugier – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants

Heather Gasper – Real Estate Law

Melaina D. Jobs – Intellectual Property Law

Shawna Ruetz – Labor and Employment Law - Management

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Jamie H. Steiner – Commercial Litigation

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Jennifer Ralph – Labor and Employment Law - Management

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Boston

Kasey Ciolfi – Health Care Law

Andrew J. Spector – Corporate Law

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Nick Kuhlmann – Intellectual Property Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation - Patent

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Kansas City

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Mary Sprouse – Corporate Law; Energy Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Springfield

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St. Louis

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Matthew D. Ahlers – Real Estate Law

Meredith L. Benage – Tax Law

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Jennifer Cecil – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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Ryan L. White – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Kendra Wolters – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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Austin D. O'Malley – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Magda S. Patitsas – Commercial Litigation; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Lana A. Yaghi – Corporate Governance and Compliance Law; Corporate Law; Transportation Law

WISCONSIN
Madison

Andrew Brenton – Health Care Law

Erin E. Burns – Health Care Law

Joseph S. Diedrich – Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants

Jacob B. Harris – Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

Natalia S. Kruse – Banking and Finance Law; Commercial Litigation

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