

# Justin Helms

## SENIOR AI SOLUTIONS STRATEGIST

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## OVERVIEW

As Senior AI Solutions Strategist, Justin has been instrumental in driving the firm's transformative adoption of AI technologies.

Justin is one of the key business professionals shaping the strategy, deployment, and integration of AI tools at the firm—a role that demands strong project execution, effective communication, program leadership, and change management. Justin ensures that AI tools are not only implemented but actively used by attorneys and other team members. As part of this mission, he leads the firm's AI Center of Excellence, which is dedicated to accelerating adoption and cultivating a culture of experimentation and continuous improvement. He also co-leads Husch Blackwell's cross-functional AI governance program and serves as a thought leader—frequently presenting at conferences on AI topics and advising clients on legal AI use and implementation.

Justin is passionate about helping AI reshape how we work and deliver value to clients. He believes AI can enhance the effectiveness of anyone's role and is continually energized by the excitement AI tools generate. Nothing delights him more than witnessing a colleague's amazement when they exclaim, "I didn't know it could do that!"

Justin began his career in aviation—training as an aircraft mechanic, earning a pilot's license, and later serving as an air traffic controller in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He later transitioned into intelligence analysis and program management roles with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), where he also had the privilege of supporting the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. His career path led him to earn a

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law degree, providing firsthand insight into the legal services offered by the firm. He also held roles in consulting, compliance, and program management with Fortune 100 multinational corporations.

In 2023, Justin joined Husch Blackwell, excited to bring together his passions for AI and technology-driven transformation within the legal industry. He takes pride in the firm's leadership in the AI space and in the increasing adoption rate of AI tools among his colleagues. Justin values the firm's willingness to push beyond traditional boundaries and make meaningful investments in AI—an approach he's confident will continue transforming the client experience.

### Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
- M.G.I.S., Pennsylvania State University
- M.P.A., University of Alaska, Anchorage
- B.S., University of Alaska, Anchorage

### Admissions

- Missouri

### Community Leadership

Justin serves on the board of a homeowners' association representing a community of more than 800 homes. He has also volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters and City Relief New York.