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## Husch Blackwell Welcomes 20 Law School Graduates this Fall

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Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that 20 law school graduates have joined the firm. The new additions are located in seven different cities and come from 13 law schools across the country.

#### **Austin, Texas**

Meredith M. Mills joins the firm's Business Litigation group. She received her J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law (2013). While there, she was national champion in the American Bar Association's National Arbitration Competition, won the Top Gun Award (Best 2L Advocate), was a student member of the Honor Code Council, member of the Grievances, Negotiations and Mock Trial committees of the Board of Barristers, and served as President of the Energy Law Interest Group, the International Law Society and the Longhorn Bar Association. Mills received her B.B.A. in International Business from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business (2009).

#### **Chattanooga, Tenn.**

Andrew M. Hodgson joins the firm's Corporate group. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Tennessee College of Law (2013), with a concentration in business transactions. While there, he was on the Dean's List, received a Certificate of Academic Excellence in Business Associations, was a member of the Student Bar Association, a student advisor and a member of *Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law*. Hodgson received his B.A. in English and his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee (2008).

#### **Chicago, Ill.**

Brian G. Fahrenbach joins the firm's Intellectual Property group. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, and a Certificate in Trial Advocacy, from Loyola

University Chicago School of Law (2013), where he was on the Dean's List, a Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Fellow and Co-President of the Loyola Intellectual Property Society. Fahrenbach received his B.S. in Engineering from the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering (2010) in Needham, Mass. While there, he was an MIT Soldier Design Competition Finalist, chosen for his wireless sensor arrays designed to guide lost soldiers and first responders to safety.

### **Kansas City, Mo.**

Kyle A. Kitson joins the firm's Business Litigation group. He received his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law (2013). He served as a staff member and Symposium Editor for the *University of Kansas Law Review* while in law school. Kitson also was honored with the Bernard E. Nordling Scholarship, a CALI Excellence for the Future Award, and a Payne and Jones Award. He participated in University Traffic Court, Moot Court Council, and served as Treasurer for both the Student Peer-Mentoring Group and the KU Law Legal Entrepreneurs group. Kitson received his B.A. in Political Science and International Studies from the University of Kansas (2008), where he graduated with honors. In undergrad, he was a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society and participated in Model UN and the Honors Research Development Program.

Kate E. McClymont joins the firm's Business Litigation group. She received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Michigan State University College of Law (2013). While there, McClymont received a Juris Prudence Award from the Trial Practice Institute, was Note & Comment Editor for *International Law Review* and was the recipient of the Faculty Full-Tuition Scholarship. She received her B.A. in English, with honors, from the University of Nebraska (2009) where she was on the Dean's List and received the Alumni Scholarship.

Laura E. Peterson joins the firm's Business Litigation group. She received her J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law (2013). While there, she was Articles and Notes Editor of the *Texas Review of Entertainment and Sports Law*, a member of Phi Delta Phi honor society, a member of the Board of Advocates, recipient of the University of Texas School of Law Dean's Academic Excellence Scholarship, and a participant in the Thad T. Hutcheson Moot Court Competition. Peterson received her B.A. in English from the University of Kansas (2010). She was on the Dean's List, a member of the University of Kansas Honors Program and recipient of the University of Kansas Crimson and Blue Four-Year Merit Scholarship.

Michael T. Raupp joins the firm's Business Litigation group. Since August 2012, he has served as a law clerk for the Hon. Duane Benton at the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit. He received his J.D., with high honors, from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law (2012) and graduated Order of the Coif. Raupp received a Dean's Achievement Award, served as Editor-in-Chief of *Texas Law Review* and was a member of a semifinalist team at the National Appellate Advocacy Competition. He

was also Champion in the 2010 Thad T. Hutcheson Moot Court Competition. Raupp received his B.S. in Business, with distinction, from the University of Kansas (2007), where he was on the Dean's List. Between undergrad and law school, Raupp served as an Investment Analyst with Jayhawk Capital Management, LLC (2007-2009). He is currently an Advisory Committee Member of Operation Breakthrough.

Henry J. Thomas joins the firm's Labor & Employment group. He received his J.D. and Certificate in Advocacy from the University of Kansas School of Law (2013). He served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Law & Public Policy*, participated in Moot Court and Traffic Court while in law school and was a recipient of the Dean's Merit Scholarship. Thomas received his B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. (2010). While there, he twice received the Student Leadership Award, was a Dean's Scholar, and served as President of the study body and as commencement speaker. He is currently an executive committee member of TEDMed Live Kansas City and is the Volunteer Committee Co-chair with the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Daniel J. Thompson joins the firm's Corporate group. He received his J.D. from Columbia Law School (2013), where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and served as Articles Editor of the *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law*. Thompson received his B.A. in Economics, with distinction, from the University of Kansas (2010). A Phi Beta Kappa, he received a National Merit Scholarship and the Arthur Jerome Boynton Memorial Scholarship in Economics. He was also a Hall Center Scholar.

Jennifer A. Witt joins the firm's Corporate group. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Washington University School of Law (2013). While there, she served as Managing Editor of the *Journal of Law & Public Policy*. She also received three CALI Excellence for the Future Awards, a Certificate for Excellence in Oral Advocacy, an Honor Scholar Award, a Scholar in Law Scholarship and was a member of the Dean's List. She also participated in the Appellate Advocacy Clinic during law school. Witt received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Political Science, Spanish and Psychology from Rockhurst University (2010), along with her Certificate in Paralegal Studies. She was a member of several honor societies, on the Dean's Honor Roll and was a recipient of the Dowling Scholarship.

### **Omaha, Neb.**

Michael S. Schmidt joins the firm's Corporate group. Since August 2011, he has served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Laurie Smith Camp of the U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska. Schmidt received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Creighton University School of Law (2011), where he received five CALI Excellence for the Future Awards, the Dean's Academic Scholarship and the A.A. & E. Yossemer Scholarship. In addition, he was on the Dean's Honor Roll and served as the Student Articles Editor for *Creighton Law Review*. Schmidt received his B.A. in Psychology from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa (2008), where he obtained the Grinnell Trustees' Honor Scholarship and was a member of the

men's varsity basketball team. Schmidt also played on the U.S. Men's Basketball Team in the Maccabi Games in Australia in 2006 and with USA Athletes International in Italy in 2008.

### **Springfield, Mo.**

Ashley L. Norgard joins the firm's Labor & Employment group. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law in Montgomery, Ala. (2013). She served as Editor-in-Chief of *Faulkner Law Review* and was national champion in both the American Bar Association's Mediation Competition and the Rendigs Products Liability Moot Court Competition. She was also a student member of the Hugh Maddox American Inn of Court. In addition, Norgard obtained the Walter J. Knabe Scholarship and the Dean's Law Scholarship. She received her B.A. in International Relations and French from Centre College in Danville, Ky. (2004). Before law school, Norgard served as Managing Editor to the French language edition of the *Air & Space Power Journal*, published by the Air Force Research Institute (2006-2010).

### **St. Louis**

Aubrey A. Arndt joins the firm's Corporate group. She received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Saint Louis University School of Law (2013). While there, she served as Article Editor for the *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*, was on the Dean's List, a Dean's Scholar and received several Academic Excellence Awards. Arndt received her B.S.B.M. with a concentration in International Business, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Kansas (2010). She was a member of two honor societies and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

S. Myers Dill joins the firm's Intellectual Property group. He became a licensed patent agent by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in July 2013. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law (2013). While there, he was Membership Editor for the *Journal of Law, Technology and Policy*. He received his M.A. in Teaching from Marian University in Indianapolis, Ind. (2010) and his B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis (2008). Before Dill entered law school, he participated in Teach for America at Harshman Middle School in Indianapolis, Ind., where he taught math and served as athletic director (2008-2010).

Uche A. Enemchukwu joins the firm's Tax and Employee Benefits groups. She received her LL.M. in Taxation from Washington University School of Law (2013) and her J.D. from the same institution (2012). In law school, she served on the Executive Board and as Associate Notes Editor for the *Washington University Jurisprudence Review*. She also obtained the Scholar in Law Merit Scholarship and the Dagen-Legomsky International Public Interest Fellowship. Enemchukwu received her B.A. in History from Duke University (2007), where she served as President of Duke Africa, was a Disciplinary Adviser at Duke's Office of Judicial Affairs and was on the Dean's List. Before entering law school, she taught English as a Second Language in Padova, Italy (2007-2008).

Robert J. Hurtt, Jr. joins the firm's Business Litigation group. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Saint Louis University School of Law (2013). While there, he served as Notes & Comments Editor for the *Saint Louis University Law Journal* and he received four Academic Excellence Awards and the Samuel I. Sievers Writing Award. He also obtained the Dean's Select Scholarship and the Theodore McMillian Endowed Scholarship. Hurtt received his B.J., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Missouri (2002), where he was a National Merit Semifinalist, a member of Kappa Tau Alpha National Honors Society and received the Bob Broeg Sportswriter's Scholarship. Before law school, Hurtt served as Associate Editor of *Sporting News* in St. Louis (2002-2007) and as section editor at *St. Louis Business Journal* (2007-2010).

Lindsay L. McClure-Hartman joins the firm's Business Litigation group. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Saint Louis University School of Law (2013). While there, she served as Editor-in-Chief of *Saint Louis University Public Law Review* and was a member of the National Moot Court Team. She received many awards and recognitions as well, including membership in honorary society Alpha Sigma Nu, receipt of the Robert J. Dowd Sr. Appellate Advocacy Award and inclusion on the Dean's List. McClure-Hartman received her B.A. in English Literature and Sociology from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. (2008), where she was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Delta honor society and was on the Dean's List. Before law school, McClure-Hartman participated in Teach for America at John F. Kennedy High School in Chicago (2008-2010), where she taught English.

Melissa A. McCoy joins the firm's Real Estate, Development & Construction group. For the past year, she has served as law clerk to the Hon. Mary Rhodes Russell, of the Missouri Supreme Court. She received her J.D. from the University of Missouri School of Law (2012), where she was Managing Editor of *Missouri Law Review* and a member of the Dean's List. She received her B.S., *cum laude*, in Biology from Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. (2002). Before entering law school, McCoy worked for Bank of America Mortgage/Closing Services as a Senior Loan Closer (2003-2009).

Lucie W. Stanley joins the firm's Banking & Finance group. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Saint Louis University School of Law (2013), where she was Articles Editor for *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*, was on the Dean's List and received two Academic Excellence Awards. She received her B.J. from the University of Missouri (2008). Before law school, Stanley was a researcher and reporter for the *St. Louis Business Journal* (2008-2010).

Luke J. Weissler joins the firm's Business Litigation group. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Missouri School of Law (2013), where he graduated Order of the Coif. He also served as Associate Editor-in-Chief of *Missouri Law Review* and was on the Dean's List. He received numerous awards, including two CALI Excellence for the Future Awards, and was a student member of the Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court as well. Weissler received his B.S.B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Saint Louis University (2008), where he was a member of several honor societies, including Beta

Gamma Sigma, Golden Key International Honor Society and the National Society for Collegiate Scholars. Before law school, Weissler participated in Teach for America (2008-2010) by teaching middle school math in Edcouch, Texas.