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## Joe Simpson Elected Fellow of Tennessee Bar Foundation

Husch Blackwell Senior Counsel Joe Simpson was honored as a newly elected Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation on May 7, 2016, in Nashville.

Simpson is based in the firm's Chattanooga office and practices in its Financial Services group. He is the 2015 recipient of the Chattanooga Bar Association's Ralph H. Kelley Humanitarian Award and was named to the Legal Aid of East Tennessee Pro Bono Attorneys Hall of Fame in 2012. Simpson earned his J.D. at the University of Memphis-Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in 1987 and his B.S. in finance at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1984. He has been with Husch Blackwell since 2006 and has practiced in Tennessee since 1987.

The 818-member Tennessee Bar Foundation honors attorneys who have made outstanding contributions to the legal profession and demonstrated integrity and high personal and professional ethical standards. The Foundation also administers a grant program known as IOLTA (Interest On Lawyers' Trust Accounts), which has awarded grants in excess of \$20 million to law-related, public interest projects throughout Tennessee.