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# Husch Blackwell Names Five Attorneys as Partners

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce it has named five attorneys to partnership, effective January 1, 2011. They practice from the firm's offices in Peoria, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; and Memphis, Tennessee.

#### Peoria:

Kimberly A. Sarff joined the firm as an Associate in 2002. She concentrates her practice in all aspects of labor and employment law. She also practices in litigation and has experience with litigating employment and non-employment matters. Sarff's practice includes advising and counseling management and human resources personnel on employment-related matters, such as unlawful discrimination and harassment; employment policies and handbooks; hiring, discipline, leave and discharge issues; reductions in force, wage and hour issues; and documentation and record retention; asbestos defense; enforcing creditor's rights including foreclosures and collections. Sarff earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from Southern Illinois University School of Law (2001), where she served as Casenote/Comment Editor for the Southern Illinois University Law Journal. She earned her B.A., summa cum laude, from Murray State University (1997).

#### St. Louis:

Dannae L. Delano joined the firm as an Associate in 2005. She concentrates her practice in employee benefits and executive compensation and tax matters. She counsels clients in incentive compensation arrangements, pensions, ESOPs, 401(k) arrangements and other retirement plans, health and welfare plans and other benefits-related matters, including designing, implementing, maintaining and terminating employee benefit and compensation plans, and integrating plans in acquisitions and mergers. She also has considerable experience in qualified retirement plan corrections and health and welfare

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plan compliance. Delano was an employee benefits attorney in private practice in the St. Louis area prior to joining the firm. Delano earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Southern Illinois University School of Law (2000), where she served as Lead Articles Editor for the *Southern Illinois University Law Journal*. She earned her B.A., *cum laude*, from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale (1997).

Angela S. Quinn joined the firm as an Associate in 2000. Quinn concentrates her practice in all areas of business and general tort litigation, with a focus on malpractice matters involving physicians and other healthcare providers. She defends personal injury and wrongful death claims and regularly represents corporate clients and individual healthcare providers in a broad range of matters involving regulatory issues, compliance and professional malpractice. Quinn earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Saint Louis University School of Law (2000), where she graduated Order of the Woolsack. She earned her B.S., *summa cum laude*, from Millikin University (1994).

### Memphis:

Mark Warren Bailey Jr. joined the firm as an Associate in 2003. Bailey concentrates his practice in banking, finance and insurance, with an emphasis in secured transactions, bankruptcy matters and commercial litigation. His practice includes representing clients in workouts, debt restructurings and other creditor's rights matters. Before joining the firm, he was with a research and publishing company serving the legal industry for two years. Bailey earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (2000). He earned his M.B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Memphis (2000) and his B.B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Memphis (1997).

M. E. Buck Dougherty III joined the firm as an Associate in 2006. Dougherty concentrates his practice in insolvency and commercial bankruptcy. He has extensive experience as national and regional lead counsel for clients, including representing secured lenders, lessors and other secured creditors in commercial creditors' rights litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He has served as lead counsel in construction litigation, general business litigation and employment law matters. He joined the firm from a construction law boutique firm. Prior to private practice, Dougherty was an assistant district attorney general for the 25th Judicial District of Tennessee. Dougherty earned his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University (2002), where he graduated Order of Barristers. He earned his B.S. from University of Tampa (1988).