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Eight Husch Blackwell Attorneys Named to *Illinois Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* 2012

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that eight of the firm's Chicago attorneys have been listed among *Illinois Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* 2012. For the third straight year, Partner Edward D. Manzo was named in the Top 100, as one of 100 attorneys to receive the most peer nominations in Illinois. Laura Labeots was named for the first time this year.

The following Husch Blackwell attorneys were named *Illinois Super Lawyers* 2012:

Joseph E. Cwik, Intellectual Property Litigation

A. Sidney Katz, Intellectual Property

Julie A. Katz, Intellectual Property

Edward D. Manzo, Intellectual Property Litigation (Top 100)

James P. White, Intellectual Property

The following Husch Blackwell attorneys were named *Illinois Rising Stars* 2012:

Michele S. Katz, Intellectual Property Litigation

Laura A. Labeots, Intellectual Property Litigation

Sherry L. Rollo, Intellectual Property

Only up to 5 percent of attorneys in a state are named *Super Lawyers*. Selecting the attorneys involves an in-depth, measurable process. Peer nominations by seasoned attorneys followed by detailed evaluations are

matched against third-party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on a state-by-state basis annually.

No more than 2.5 percent of attorneys in a state are named *Rising Stars*. The lawyers who make this list must be under 40 years old or have less than 10 years of legal experience. They go through the same selection process as *Super Lawyers*, excluding the peer evaluations.