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Stephanie Kaiser Joins Husch Blackwell's Austin Office

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that Stephanie Kaiser has joined the firm as a partner in its Austin office. Kaiser is a noted litigator and highly sought-after advisor to businesses, from employees to management and boards of directors, across multiple industries, including financial services, general and tower construction, healthcare, security systems and equipment, real estate, and energy.

As a litigator, Kaiser has handled a wide array of complex commercial litigation, matters involving bankruptcy and adversary proceedings, antitrust, intellectual property disputes, and regulatory proceedings. She has achieved successful resolutions to disputes ranging from fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duties to unfair competition, intellectual property infringement cases, Lanham Act allegations, and lease disputes. She has also handled an array of personal injury matters, including wrongful death and has obtained a top verdict resulting from the shooting death of a Mexican national.

Kaiser has particular experience counseling clients and litigating disputes in the financial services arena and will be a member of Husch Blackwell's Financial Services & Capital Markets industry team. She has successfully represented creditors involved in bankruptcy and adversary proceedings, including matters involving homestead challenges, preference actions, fraudulent transfers, contested valuation proceedings, and contested confirmations. Kaiser has represented creditors in the consumer finance area, handling matters related to the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), and Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), as well as those related to consumer protection laws, the Dodd-Frank Act, and potential Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) enforcement actions.

Clients have also counted on Kaiser's skills in advance of disputes. She regularly provides guidance on how to identify and manage risk, develops policies and procedures, addresses and resolves internal conflicts and personnel disputes, and provides training and consulting to all levels within the organization. She has advised clients in connection with distressed and special assets and has developed custom loan documentation, participation agreements, and loan syndications. She also advises on general compliance matters and works with clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions and post-merger activity.

Kaiser has served as a trusted advisor to business leaders and boards of directors, often serving as outside general counsel charged with developing comprehensive legal strategies that address multiple interconnected and complex legal issues. She serves as a standards-of-conduct official and an external compliance officer for clients, as well.

"I am very excited to join Husch Blackwell's Austin team," said Kaiser. "My clients will benefit greatly from the firm's national platform and its depth across multiple areas of law; from a cultural point of view, the firm's focus on client service and teamwork and its reputation for practical advice are all great matches for me."

Kaiser holds a J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law and a B.A. *summa cum laude* from Texas Christian University.