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Husch Blackwell's Texas Offices Post Strong Gains in 2021 *Chambers USA* Directory

HEALTHCARE TEAM GAINS NATIONAL RANKING, AUSTIN LITIGATION TEAM GARNERS RANKING

Chambers USA has recognized Husch Blackwell's Texas offices in its 2021 directory as having leading practices in healthcare law and commercial litigation.

Husch Blackwell's healthcare team placed six attorneys among the 48 ranked in Texas, the most of any firm in Chambers' Texas Healthcare rankings. This performance complements the firm's inaugural appearance in Chambers' national Healthcare rankings. The ranked Texas healthcare lawyers include David Hilgers (Senior Statespeople), Hal Katz (Band 2), Joe Geraci (Band 2), Diane Carter (Band 3), Eric Weatherford (Band 3), and Julian Rivera (Band 3).

Husch Blackwell also received a ranking for its Austin-based commercial litigation team, the first appearance for the firm in that practice-area table. Chambers noted that clients regard the team as "responsive and very good in the courtroom," and that our Austin office has a "[n]otable commercial litigation practice offering experienced handling of fraud, breach of contract and bankruptcy-related claims."

"Overall, this year's *Chambers USA* rankings reflects Husch Blackwell's established presence and captures the momentum Husch Blackwell has attained in Texas," said Lorinda Holloway, Husch Blackwell's Austin office managing partner. "We have the fourth-largest office in Austin of any law firm and have surpassed 100 attorneys statewide—and we continue to grow. We have substantial strength in healthcare, energy, real estate, M&A, and

insolvency law with well-respected attorneys across numerous practices, including litigation.”

“I am especially proud of the national healthcare ranking that we achieved in 2021,” said Eric Weatherford, the Dallas-based leader of Husch Blackwell’s healthcare regulatory practice team. “Not only is the team strong in Texas, but we also have great healthcare lawyers across our entire footprint.”