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Best Lawyers in America® Places More than 230 Husch Blackwell Lawyers in 2024 Rankings

The Best Lawyers in America® has listed 237 Husch Blackwell lawyers in its 2024 edition, including eight attorneys who have been named “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective areas and 64 attorneys who are being recognized for the first time. The directory was first published in 1983 and is based on a national survey involving detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

Husch Blackwell attorneys named “Lawyers of the Year” in the 2024 edition for their respective areas of law are:

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- Steven F. Carman — Corporate Law
- John J. Cruciani — Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Jason A. Reschly — Litigation and Controversy - Tax

Madison, Wisconsin

- Paul J. Dombrowski — Banking and Finance Law
- Richard J. Lewandowski — Environmental Law

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- Philip J. Halley — Trusts and Estates; Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Eric J. Meier — Litigation - Construction

Oakland, California

- Lisa L. Oberg — Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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ARIZONA

Phoenix

Christopher E. Erblich – Trusts and Estates (2007)

Benjamin J. Kelly – Trusts and Estates (2020)

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles

Andrew J. Demetriou – Corporate Law, Health Care Law (2007)

Oakland

Jennifer J. Lee – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Lisa L. Oberg – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2019)

COLORADO

Denver

Andrea Austin – Real Estate Law (2021)

David M. Brenner – Tax Law

Jessica Collier – Commercial Litigation

Bruce A. Fowler – Litigation - Trusts and Estates, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates (2013)

Barbara A. Grandjean – Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2016)

Ashley W. Jordaan – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment

Kevin H. Kelley – Real Estate Law (2015)

Steve N. Levine – Corporate Law (2016)

Jeffrey M. Miller – Real Estate Law

Christopher L. Ottele – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2021)

ILLINOIS

Chicago

HUSCH BLACKWELL

Aron Carnahan – Litigation - Intellectual Property (2023)

Jen L. Dlugosz – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)

Edward P. Gamson Ph.D. – Patent Law

Michael Hayes – Commercial Litigation

Nicholas S. Legatos – Real Estate Law

Philip D. Segrest, Jr. – Patent Law

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston

Robert K. Blaisdell – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Health Care Law (2020)

Crystal M. Bloom – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Corporate Law, Health Care Law (2022)

Andrew S. Levine – Health Care Law (2021)

Amanda G. Orcutt – Education Law (2023)

Sean T. Ryan – Health Care Law (2021)

MISSOURI

Jefferson City

R. Ryan Harding – Appellate Practice

Lowell Pearson – Commercial Litigation, Government Contracts, Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy) (2018)

Harvey M. Tettlebaum – Health Care Law (2003)

Kansas City

James M. Ash – Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2003)

Edward L. Barker – Health Care Law (2020)

Gary D. Barnes – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (1997)

Mark T. Benedict – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2008)

Kirsten A. Byrd – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law (2021)

Steven F. Carman – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2005)

Curt J. Chase – Health Care Law (2007)

William Corum – Litigation - Construction

John J. Cruciani – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2009)

Ted J. Dale – Real Estate Law (2022)

Michael D. Fielding – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2021)

Michael S. Hargens – Commercial Litigation

Tessa K. Jacob – Commercial Litigation

Kris Kappel – Trademark Law

Anna R. Kimbrell – Real Estate Law

Craig A. Kovarik – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2009)

Martin M. Loring – Energy Law (2009)

Patricia L. Martin – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2008)

John D. Moore – Corporate Law, Franchise Law (2023)

Paul F. Pautler, Jr. – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (1995)

Michael T. Raupp – Commercial Litigation

David B. Raymond – Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, Real Estate Law (2008)

Charles G. Renner – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2014)

HUSCH BLACKWELL

Jason A. Reschly – Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Tax Law (2003)

Christopher J. Rockers – Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law (2006)

Kirstin P. Salzman – International Mergers and Acquisitions (2019)

Megan A. Scheiderer – Commercial Litigation

Jeffrey J. Simon – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Antitrust, Litigation - Intellectual Property (2010)

Julianne P. Story – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2021)

Derek T. Teeter – Commercial Litigation (2021)

Cori C. Turner – Health Care Law (2019)

Mark D. Welker – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1997)

Edward V. Wilson – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (2023)

Brian J. Zickefoose – Employment Law - Management

Springfield

David C. Agee – Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Equipment Finance Law (2007)

J. Michael Bridges – Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Michael Cosby – International Mergers and Acquisitions (2023)

Bryan O. Wade – Land Use and Zoning Law, Media Law (2016)

St. Louis

Craig A. Adoor – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law (2007)

Michelle W. Alvey – Copyright Law (2014)

Michael R. Annis – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2010)

Melissa Z. Baris – Commercial Litigation

Steven B. Beshore – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Elizabeth A. Bozicevic – Commercial Litigation

Caroline Chicoine – Advertising Law, Trademark Law (2021)

Daniel S. Cohn – Patent Law, Trademark Law

Patrick T. Conner – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Trusts and Estates (2023)

J. Andrew Crossett – Real Estate Law (2021)

Matthew P. Diehr – Appellate Practice

Thomas A. Donaldson – Banking and Finance Law

Kara R. Fussner -- Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2018)

Jonathan W. Giokas – Banking and Finance Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2018)

Josef S. Glynias – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2022)

Joseph H. Guffey – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Catherine L. Hanaway – Commercial Litigation

Erik L. Hansell – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)

Ruth Hays – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1995)

Sarah C. Hellmann – Commercial Litigation

Caroline L. Hermeling – Construction Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2015)

Courtney L. Hill – Real Estate Law (2018)

Jennifer E. Hoekel – Advertising Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2014)

William M. Hof – Real Estate Law (2018)

Steven E. Holtshouser – Litigation - Intellectual Property (2018)

Bryan Hopkins – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)

David R. Human – Real Estate Law (2015)

Jeffrey B. Jensen – Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2018)

Alan H. Kandel – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2010)

Raymond S. Kreienkamp – Tax Law, Trusts and Estates (2007)

Robert Leible – Trusts and Estates (2023)

David B. Lemkemeier – Real Estate Law (2014)

Mark R. Leuchtmann – Trusts and Estates (2001)

David A. Linenbroker – Real Estate Law (2010)

Vicki L. Little – Franchise Law, Litigation - Banking and Finance (2016)

Daisy Manning – Litigation - Intellectual Property (2021)

Steven F. McCandless – Banking and Finance Law

Christine F. Miller – Employment Law - Management, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013)

J.Y. Miller – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021)

James F. Monafó – Commercial Litigation (2021)

Christina B. Moore – Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Brandan P. Mueller – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2022)

Alan S. Nemes – Advertising Law, Copyright Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Trademark Law (2005)

Sonni F. Nolan – Employment Law - Management (2017)

Mary Anne O'Connell – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2007)

Joseph C. Orlet – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013)

Jill M. Palmquist – Trusts and Estates (2016)

Matthew G. Perlow – Nonprofit / Charities Law, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Terry L. Potter – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Labor Law - Union, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2012)

Eric J. Rakestraw – Litigation - Patent, Patent Law

David G. Richardson – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

JoAnn T. Sandifer – Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2020)

Ernesto R. Segura – Land Use and Zoning Law, Project Finance Law, Real Estate Law (2021)

Jeffrey D. Sigmund – Litigation - Real Estate, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Michael J. Silver – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates

Kenneth A. Slavens – Litigation - Construction (2005)

Gregory R. Smith – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

Melissa K. Smith-Groff – Real Estate Law (2021)

David W. Sobelman – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Securities (2020)

Dwayne F. Stanley – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

James R. Strong – Trusts and Estates (2003)

Rudolph A. Telscher – Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2012)

Randall S. Thompson – Employment Law - Individuals, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Union, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2013)

Michael J. Tolles – Commercial Litigation

Robert J. Tomaso – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2006)

HUSCH BLACKWELL

Frans J. von Kaenel – Real Estate Law (2018)

Amy L. Wachs – Environmental Law (2021)

NEBRASKA

Omaha

Adam N. Charlsen – Real Estate Law (2020)

David E. Gardels – Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions, International Trade and Finance Law (2005)

Marnie A. Jensen – Commercial Litigation

Grant D. Leach – International Trade and Finance Law

Victoria H. Sitz – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021)

Gene Summerlin – Commercial Litigation

RHODE ISLAND

Providence

Jeffrey F. Chase-Lubitz – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Health Care Law (1995)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Mount Pleasant

Cartwright Bibee – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga

Michael Alston – Commercial Litigation

Steve R. Barrett – Corporate Law

Alan L. Cates – Litigation - Trusts and Estates, Nonprofit/Charities Law, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Ronald I. Feldman – Real Estate Law (2010)

Patrick K. Shockey – Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021)

Mark A. Smith – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Nashville

Timothy L. Capria – Copyright Law, Trademark Law (2022)

TEXAS

Austin

Lynn Hamilton Butler – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2021)

Diane T. Carter – Health Care Law (2021)

Michael R. Crowe – Health Care Law

Brian G. Flood – Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Litigation - Health Care

Joseph V. Geraci – Health Care Law (2021)

Racy Haddad – Real Estate Law

David W. Hilgers – Health Care Law (1997)

Lorinda G. Holloway – Health Care Law (2021)

Eleanor “Cacki” Chote Jewart - Real Estate (2018)

Doug Jones – Tax Law (2022)

Hal S. Katz – Health Care Law (2008)

James K. McClendon – Health Care Law, Litigation - Health Care

Nikelle Susanne Meade – Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation - Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law (2018)

Ace Pickens – Health Care Law (1993)

Chris Reeder – Energy Regulatory Law

Scott D. Schneider – Education Law, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management (2016)

Gregg N. Sofer – Criminal Defense: White-Collar

HUSCH BLACKWELL

Mark Vane – Government Relations Practice (2008)

Thomas H. Watkins – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Environmental, Litigation - Patent (1989)

Robert J. Werner – Real Estate Law (2013)

Dallas

Steven S. Camp – Banking and Finance Law (2013)

Chalon N. Clark – Commercial Litigation (2023)

Scott L. Davis – Commercial Litigation (2015)

Sadie Fitzpatrick – Real Estate Law

R. Tyler Johnson – Real Estate Law (2021)

Buffey E. Klein – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Charles W. Morris – Real Estate Law (2003)

David H. Timmins – Insurance Law (2016)

Tracy Wolf – Employment Law - Management

Houston

Timothy Million – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy

Jeffery T. Nobles – Appellate Practice (2022)

Randall A. Rios – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2016)

Michael A. Stafford – Real Estate Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Richard P. Bonnifield – Energy Law (2015)

Cormac T. Connor – Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2023)

HUSCH BLACKWELL

Michael G. Dana – Tax Law (2021)

James J. Hoecker – Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law (2021)

Hal J. Perloff – Litigation - Construction (2020)

Robert D. Stang – International Trade and Finance Law (2023)

Elizabeth T. Thomas – Health Care Law (2010)

Linda L. Walsh – Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law (2007)

WISCONSIN

Madison

Jon E. Anderson – Education Law, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2006)

Eugenia G. Carter – Financial Services Regulation Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2011)

Paul Cranley – Litigation - Construction, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Paul J. Dombrowski – Banking and Finance Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2001)

Thomas P. Godar – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2009)

Thomas Heneghan – Commercial Litigation

Richard J. Lewandowski – Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental (2009)

Eric M. McLeod – Commercial Litigation

Bryan K. Nowicki – Health Care Law

Tom O'Day – Employment Law - Individuals

Meg S.L. Pekarske – Health Care Law (2010)

Thomas N. Shorter – Education Law, Health Care Law (2007)

Milwaukee

Gabrielle Baumann Adams – Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Steven R. Allen – Trusts and Estates (2008)

Anthony J. Anzelmo – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Bruce G. Arnold – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Health Care Law (2005)

David B. Carr – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2021)

Lydia J. Chartre – Litigation - Construction, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2018)

Smitha Chintamaneni – Construction Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2021)

Bradley I. Dallet – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2009)

David Eckhardt – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Erik Eisenmann – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment

Jack A. Enea – Corporate Law (2019)

Jason Fathallah – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Insurance

Cynthia G. Fletcher – Banking and Finance Law

Gregory A. Fontaine – Natural Resources Law (2022)

Daniel B. Geraghty – Litigation and Controversy - Tax (2016)

Philip J. Halley – Litigation - Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates (2003)

David C. Hertel – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2012)

M. Rhett Holland – Trusts and Estates (2018)

William E. Hughes – Employment Law - Management (2014)

Dieter J. Juedes – Commercial Litigation (2021)

Philip R. Koutnik – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2018)

Joshua B. Levy – Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2017)

Francis H. LoCoco – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2003)

J. Michael Long – Corporate Law (2021)

Ann M. Maher – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate (2012)

Eric J. Meier – Construction Law, Litigation - Construction (2016)

Philip J. Miller – Trusts and Estates (2007)

Thomas A. Miller – Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law, Trademark Law (2010)

Daniel J. Miske – Commercial Litigation, Community Association Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2012)

Rebecca H. Mitich – Banking and Finance Law, Community Association Law, Real Estate Law (2020)

Tamara Hayes O'Brien – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation - Insurance (2013)

Jennifer M. Olk – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Trusts and Estates

Joseph A. Pickart – Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Tax Law (2013)

Timothy H. Posnanski – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Real Estate (2016)

Geoffrey S. Trotier – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2023)

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