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The *Best Lawyers in America*® has listed 174 Husch Blackwell lawyers in its 2022 edition, including 12 attorneys who have been named "Lawyer of the Year" in their respective areas and eight 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.

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ARIZONA

Phoenix

Christopher E. Erblich — Trusts and Estates (2007)

Josh Grabel — Construction Law, Litigation – Construction (2015)

Jamie L. Halavais — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Benjamin J. Kelly — Trusts and Estates (2020)

COLORADO

Denver

Andrea Austin — Real Estate Law (2021)

Jeffrey A. Chase — Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, First Amendment Law (1989)

Barbara A. Grandjean — Commercial Litigation, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor & Employment (2016)

Kevin H. Kelley — Real Estate Law (2015)

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Steven N. Levine — Corporate Law (2016)

Chris Ottele — Litigation – Labor and Employment (2021)

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston

Robert K. Blaisdell — Health Care Law (2020)

Crystal M. Bloom — Health Care Law

Andrew S. Levine — Health Care Law (2021)

Sean T. Ryan — Health Care Law (2021)

MISSOURI

Jefferson City

Lowell Pearson — Government Contracts (2018)

Harvey M. Tettlebaum — Health Care Law (1995)

Thomas D. Vaughn — Health Care Law (2018)

Kansas City

James M. Ash — Corporate Law, International Mergers & Acquisitions, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (1995)

Edward L. Barker — Health Care Law (2020)

Gary D. Barnes — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (1995)

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

Kirsten A. Byrd — Insurance Law (2021)

Steven F. Carman — Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (2005)

Curt J. Chase — Health Care Law (2007)

John C. Crossley — Real Estate Law (2015)

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

Ted J. Dale — Real Estate Law

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

James G. Goettsch — Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2008)

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

Martin M. Loring — Energy Law (2009)

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

Paul F. Pautler, Jr. — Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2013)

David B. Raymond — Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2008)

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

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 & Acquisitions (2019)

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

Gaylord Smith— Real Estate Law (2020)

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Derek Teeter — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Cori Casey Turner — Health Care Law (2019)

Mark D. Welker — Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1995)

Springfield

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

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J. Michael Bridges — Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Cory L. Collins — Litigation – Real Estate (2020)

Ginger K. Gooch — *Commercial Litigation*, Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Bryan O. Wade — Media Law (2016)

Christopher F. Weiss — Litigation – Land Use and Zoning (2021)

St. Louis

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

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

Mark G. Arnold — Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2001)

Caroline Chicoine — Trademark Law (2021)

J. Andrew Crossett — Real Estate Law (2021)

Gary H. Feder — Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2007)

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 — Litigation – Labor and Employment

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

Kenneth R. Heineman — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2005)

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

Brad Hiles — Litigation – Environmental (1995)

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Courtney L. Hill — Real Estate Law (2018)

Jennifer E. Hoekel — Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent (2014)

William M. Hof — Real Estate Law (2018)

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

David R. Human – Real Estate Law (2015)

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

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

Mark R. Leuchtmann — Trusts and Estates (2001)

Edward J. Lieberman — Banking and Finance Law (2010)

David A. Linenbroker — Real Estate Law (2010)

Daisy Manning — Litigation – Intellectual Property (2021)

James W. Mathis — Corporate Law (2021)

Melissa M. Merlin — Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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 (2021)

Gregory J. Minana — Commercial Litigation

James F. Monafo — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Brandan P. Mueller — Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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

Sonni Fort 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)

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

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Marshall C. Turner — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy (2020)

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NEBRASKA

Omaha

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Victoria H. Sitz — Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021)

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Providence

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TENNESSEE

Chattanooga

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

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TEXAS

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Diane T. Carter — Health Care Law (2021)

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David W. Hilgers — Health Care Law (1995)

Lorinda G. Holloway — Health Care Law (2021)

Eleanor “Cacki” Chote Jewart — Real Estate Law (2018)

Doug Jones — Tax Law

Hal Katz — Health Care Law (2008)

Nickelle Susanne Meade— Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law (2018)

Ace Pickens — Health Care Law (1993)

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

Mark Vane — Government Relations Practice (2008)

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

Bob Werner — Real Estate Law (2013)

Dallas

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

Scott L. Davis — Commercial Litigation (2015)

R. Tyler Johnson — Real Estate Law (2021)

Charles W. Morris — Real Estate Law (2003)

David H. Timmins — Insurance Law (2016)

Eric J. Weatherford — Health Care Law (2021)

Houston

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Madison

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

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

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

Jed A. Roher — Corporate Law, Tax Law (2018)

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

Milwaukee

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Ross A. Anderson — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Real Estate, Litigation – Securities (2011)

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Brad Dallet — Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2009)

Jack A. Enea — Corporate Law (2019)

Daniel W. Gentges — Real Estate Law (2010)

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

Philip J. Halley — Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates (1995)

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M. Rhett Holland — Trusts and Estates (2018)

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

Dieter J. Juedes — Commercial Litigation (2021)

Hal Karas — Real Estate Law (2009)

Philip Koutnik — Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2018)

Steven Laabs — Corporate Law (2021)

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

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

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

Eric J. Meier — Construction Law, Litigation—Construction (2016)

Philip J. Miller — Trusts and Estates (2007)

Daniel J. Miske — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2012)

Rebecca H. Mitich — Community Association Law, Real Estate Law (2020)

Kenneth R. Nowakowski — Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Litigation – Patent (2013)

Tamara Hayes O'Brien — Commercial Litigation (2013)

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