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# Husch Blackwell Expands Nationally Recognized Cannabis Team with Addition of Partner Hilary Bricken

**BRICKEN IS ONE OF 11 ATTORNEYS RANKED BAND 1 BY CHAMBERS USA IN CANNABIS LAW**

National law firm Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that Hilary Bricken has joined the firm as a partner in the Los Angeles office and as a member of its Food Systems industry group.

Bricken is a highly regarded cannabis law attorney who joins Husch Blackwell's nationally recognized Cannabis practice team. She has more than a decade of experience in guiding clients of all sizes in cannabis licensing; marijuana and industrial hemp regulatory compliance; mergers and acquisitions; corporate and transactional matters, including negotiating management services agreements, fee slotting agreements, cultivation supply agreements, and intellectual property licensing agreements; receiverships; dissolution and wind downs; and financing and debt restructuring.

"The DEA is likely to approve a Biden administration recommendation to reschedule marijuana, which will have broad sweeping implications on federal policy," said partner Steve Levine, co-leader of the firm's Cannabis practice. "The addition of Hilary will allow us to better serve our clients if and when the rescheduling does occur. Her West Coast presence and significant experience will greatly benefit our clients and we're thrilled she's joined Husch Blackwell."

Bricken represents national and international cannabis companies, privately held and publicly traded corporations, start-ups, investors, and high-net-worth individuals. She is one of only 11 attorneys in the United States to earn

Chambers USA's highest designation for Cannabis Law and joins a team that is recognized by both Chambers USA and Legal 500.

In addition to her successful Cannabis practice, Bricken has a growing healthcare and emerging therapies practice where she represents providers, clinics, and the businesses that support this growing area of treatment, including for the off-label application of a variety of scheduled drugs.

"Husch Blackwell is considered one of the leading cannabis law firms in the country and has a deep bench that will allow me to better serve my clients with enhanced legal offerings," Bricken said. "In addition, the firm's business-focused mindset was attractive as it allows me to tap into additional resources and focus more of my time on clients."