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# Husch Blackwell Adds Team From IP Boutique Patterson Thuent, Continuing Growth in Minneapolis

**APPROXIMATELY 30 EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING 11 ATTORNEYS, TO JOIN FIRM AND MORE THAN DOUBLE ITS TWIN CITIES PRESENCE**

National law firm Husch Blackwell continues its expansion in Minneapolis with the addition of a team of attorneys from intellectual property boutique Patterson Thuent. Eleven attorneys, plus nearly 20 additional law clerks and business professionals, will officially join the firm on January 1, 2024. The addition will more than double the size of Husch Blackwell's Minneapolis office, which opened in May 2023.

"The Twin Cities continue to be a priority growth market for us, and the Patterson Thuent attorneys have a strong reputation and will provide our new and existing clients a full suite of intellectual property offerings," said Paul Eberle, Husch Blackwell's chief executive. "We're delighted to have them join our firm."

Joining Husch Blackwell are 11 of Patterson Thuent's attorneys, including: Jeffer Ali, Daidre Burgess, and Tom Dickson as partners; James Patterson and David Cleveland as of counsel; Mike Gates, Paul Haun, and Nicholas Kuhlmann as senior counsel; and Scott Meehan, Richard Sutton, and John Wittmer as attorneys.

"We met with a number of firms, but Husch Blackwell stood out as the best fit for its commitment to its clients, people, and culture," said Dickson, Patterson Thuent's managing partner. "The firm has tremendous depth and a stellar reputation in the healthcare, life sciences, manufacturing, and food systems

industries, and we're eager to begin practicing with our new colleagues and help continuing to grow the firm's Minneapolis presence."

Husch Blackwell has added more than 100 attorneys firmwide in 2023 to date, including 20 to the intellectual property practice team and seven in Minneapolis. With these additions on Jan. 1, 2024, the firm's Minneapolis office will have nearly 50 employees, 22 of whom are attorneys, in practice areas including IP, energy and natural resources, data privacy, and corporate.

"Minneapolis is a hub for innovation in a number of growing industries that are of interest to us and adding patent, licensing, trademark, and copyright capabilities enhances the value we bring to clients," said Catherine Hanaway, Husch Blackwell's chair. "The firm is looking to expand its space and considering a number of options while remaining in the downtown area."