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# Husch Blackwell Elects 30 to 2025 New Partner Class

National law firm Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce it has elected 30 attorneys to the firm's partnership, effective January 1, 2025.

This year's partner class reflects the firm's never-ending pursuit of better ways to serve its clients, colleagues, and communities. The addition of these partners strengthens Husch Blackwell's ability to deliver legal solutions across its practices areas and its clients' industries.

"Our reputation for exceptional client service is built on the strength of our people," said Husch Blackwell Chief Executive Jamie Lawless. "Elevating these talented attorneys is not only an acknowledgement of their achievements—it represents our commitment to building a team of leaders who approach each new challenge collaboratively and with our clients' interests in mind."

The Husch Blackwell partnership class of 2025 includes:

Michael Blackwell	Natalia Kruse	Shawna Ruetz
Kaitlyn Blanchard	Meredith Mack	Samantha Schacht
Ryan Burgett	Samuel Mitchell	Allison Scott
David Carr	Trecia Moore	Paul Smelcer
Tom Cedoz	Patrick Morand	Brandon Stein
Joseph Diedrich	Ryan Olson	Kevin Turbert
Rebecca Furdek	Mara Pollets	Ryan White
Jacob Harris	Doug Raines	Allan Williams
Margaret Heitkamp	Kip Randall	Melissa Williams
Katie Jenner	Jake Remington	Sarah Zimmerman

This partner class, like all Husch Blackwell attorneys, will be empowered to collaborate across practice areas and draw on each other's industry knowledge to deliver custom-tailored client strategies. Twelve practice areas are represented in this partner class: Appellate; Banking & Finance; Commercial Litigation; Consumer Finance; Corporate, M&A & Securities; Energy Regulation; Intellectual Property; Labor & Employment; Mass Tort & Product Liability; Private Wealth; Real Estate & Development; and White Collar, Internal Investigations, & Compliance.

The firm's continual expansion through both its virtual office, The Link, and new brick-and-mortar locations is also evident in this partner class. These attorneys are based in 16 cities across the United States and many work remotely as members of The Link. In a recent interview with Law360 Pulse, J.Y. Miller, office managing partner of The Link, shared how Husch Blackwell's uncommon approach to remote work doesn't impact its attorneys' ability to grow their careers, saying "everyone, regardless of their location, has the same level of eligibility and opportunity to make partner at the firm."

Further, this partner class comprises of 43% women, 10% racial and ethnic minorities, and 10% LGBTQ+ attorneys, reflecting the diverse perspectives that are foundational to empathy-based client service. The firm was recently recognized in Bloomberg Law's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Framework, a listing that recognizes law firms that meet or exceed an established threshold of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Husch Blackwell also elevated seven attorneys to the position of senior counsel, effective January 1, 2025. These attorneys demonstrate the deep industry knowledge and understanding of client

challenges that are crucial to the firm's continued success. The 2025 Husch Blackwell senior counsel class includes Erin Burns, Molly Dugan, Liz LaFoe Frederick, Samantha Gugliuzza, Shayan Heidarzadeh, Jameson Sauseda, and Alaina Zermenio.