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# Connections and Conversations: Highlights from Our Annual Insurance Symposium

On March 20, 2025, Husch Blackwell teamed up with InsurTech ATX to host our highly anticipated annual Insurance Symposium, bringing together leaders from the insurance and technology sectors for a day of interactive learning and forward-thinking discussion.

Guided by Husch Blackwell's Insurance Regulatory Practice team, including partners Tasha Cycholl, Andrew McNichol, Lauren Ybarra, and associate Jared Bruttig, the event attracted a dynamic audience of industry professionals eager to explore the evolving corporate and regulatory landscape, the latest advancements in insurtech, and strategies for selecting the right technology or business structure to meet organizational goals.

The event kicked off with a fireside chat to discuss the current state of tech and insurance and hopes for the future, featuring:

Jeff Hunt, insurance regulatory consultant and former Texas Department of Insurance regulator

Josh Pedelty, SVP of Strategic Planning at American Amicable Group

Robert Rudnai, Captives Specialist at the Texas Department of Insurance

Michael Witte, CEO of EqualParts, an AI-drive tech platform

Next, attendees participated in three engaging breakout panels led by the Husch Blackwell team, each designed to tackle pressing topics in the industry:

## **How to Select the Right Insurance Entity for Your Business**

Andrew McNichol broke down the many different types of insurance industry vehicles and explained differences between traditional insurers, reinsurance companies, risk retention groups, third-party administrators, managing general agents, risk purchasing groups, captives, and traditional insurance brokers—helping attendees understand which structure best fits their business needs.

[Read the Session Hand-Out](#)

## **Cybersecurity Best Practices and Reporting to Regulators**

With cybersecurity threats on the rise, Tasha Cycholl and Security Scorecard's Andrew Correll focused on best practices for protecting sensitive data and how to properly report cybersecurity events to regulatory bodies.

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[Explore Security Scorecard's Learning Center](#)

## **Harnessing AI: Tech Enablement and Regulatory Challenges in Insurance**

This session provided a brief but insightful overview of how artificial intelligence is being integrated into the insurance sector. Lauren Ybarra, partner at Husch Blackwell, discussed the importance of understanding regulatory frameworks and real-world implications for companies adopting AI-driven solutions.

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## **Contact us**

If you have questions regarding the topics explored in our 2025 Insurance Symposium, please contact Tasha Cycholl, Andrew McNichol, Lauren Ybarra, or Jared Bruttig for more information.