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OVERVIEW

Sammie assists clients with construction and real estate transactions throughout the country.

Sammie first developed an interest in the real estate industry during her law school days, when she interned with a trade association representing contractors. After graduation, she worked in-house for a national general contractor, experience that gave her an inside perspective on the day-to-day realities of complex construction transactions, before joining Husch Blackwell in 2017.

Sammie originally handled both litigation and transactional projects for the firm's construction clients, but today she divides her practice between construction contracts and traditional commercial real estate with deal values in the tens to hundreds of millions. She regularly works in a wide variety of industries, including multi-family, hospitality, mixed-use, healthcare, industrial, retail and higher education (including student housing). Sammie represents clients from the letter of intent through the ribbon cutting – she loves helping clients assemble the pieces of a transaction, and she's always excited to see a deal all the way through.

Sammie sees transactions as opportunities to collaborate and achieve a positive outcome for all parties, and her time as a litigator means that she's instinctively aware of points that can trigger lawsuits later. She's known for her practicality, efficiency, and focus on each individual client's needs: Sammie aims to fully understand each client's risk tolerance and project goals so that she can deliver customized advice.

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Construction & Design
Corporate Real Estate
Healthcare Real Estate
Hospitality
Retail Real Estate

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Case Studies

Building a Lasting Partnership

Husch Blackwell's Communities for Change initiative has walked alongside a Milwaukee real estate developer since early 2021, helping the company grow in both revenue and influence and building a valuable partnership.

CityDeck Landing LLC

Our team filed a rare petition for a supervisory writ with the Wisconsin Supreme Court—and won the case.

Helping Minority- and Veteran-Owned Business Secure a Game-Changing Contract

Through the Communities for Change initiative, our attorneys helped a clean energy design/build firm negotiate and secure a multimillion-dollar contract.

Recognition

- BL Rankings' *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Real Estate Law, 2027
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Litigation - Construction, 2024 and 2025
- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Associate Fellow
- The Daily Reporter, Rising Young Professionals of Construction, 2020
- Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society, 2018, 2020

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Education

- J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School
  - *cum laude*
  - Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society
- B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison
  - with distinction
  - Political Science

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- Texas

Community Leadership

- American Heart Association's Hard Hats with Heart, Executive Leadership Team
- United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Dane County, Board of Directors



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