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OVERVIEW

As Senior Director of Pro Bono & Community Impact, Margaret leads Husch Blackwell's multifaceted approach to advancing access to justice, strengthening communities, and fostering positive social change.

She oversees the firm's innovative pro bono and community engagement initiatives, which include strategic charitable giving, employee volunteerism, and a robust portfolio of legal services for underserved populations.

Margaret leads a diverse team of professionals and attorneys dedicated to a wide range of impact areas, from civil rights litigation and juvenile advocacy to groundbreaking programs such as Communities for Change and collaborative pro bono partnerships with clients. Under her guidance, the firm's pro bono work addresses critical legal needs in civil rights, juvenile law, economic empowerment, and beyond — ensuring that individuals, families, and nonprofits receive high-quality representation and support.

In addition to developing and delivering training to equip attorneys for impactful service, Margaret partners with nonprofit organizations, community groups, and corporate clients to maximize the firm's collective impact. Her strategic oversight extends to charitable giving and volunteer initiatives, aligning resources with meaningful opportunities for service and engagement across the country.

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Before joining Husch Blackwell, Margaret practiced environmental law and maintained an active pro bono docket, including work as a guardian ad litem and with Legal Aid of Western Missouri. She is a recognized leader in both civic and professional circles, passionate about building partnerships that drive lasting change.

Education

- J.D., Thomas M Cooley Law School
 - *Law Review*, Managing Associate Editor
- B.A., University of Saint Mary
 - History and Political Science

Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
- Kansas

Community Leadership

- American Lung Association in Kansas & Greater Kansas City, Leadership Board Member
- Friends of St. Anne's Girls School, Kapkemich, Kenya, Board Member
- TriKC triathlon club, Board Member
- Lansing Correctional Facility, Volunteer

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Communities
for Change

Assisting small businesses and
entrepreneurs.