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# Husch Blackwell Strengthens Manufacturing, Energy and Natural Resources Offerings with Addition of Seven Attorneys

Seven attorneys have joined Husch Blackwell's Energy & Natural Resources and Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation groups today, June 28, 2016. Joining the firm's Washington, D.C. office are Henry Chajet, Brian Hendrix, Robert Horn and Avi Meyerstein. Joining the firm's Denver office are Mark Savit, Donna Pryor and Erik Dullea.

All seven attorneys previously practiced with an AmLaw 100 firm focused on workplace safety law, litigation, regulation, public policy and crisis management.

"We are excited to have these talented lawyers join the firm," said Steve Carman, leader of the firm's Energy & Natural Resources industry group. "They have significant experience with issues and incidents involving workplace safety in the manufacturing, energy, and natural resources industries, and are a great complement to our firm's industry focus."

"The addition of these lawyers adds great depth and breadth to our industry teams," said Joe Orlet, leader of the firm's Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation team. "It expands our capabilities to better meet the needs of our manufacturing, energy and natural resources clients."

## Energy & Natural Resources

Mark Savit counsels clients in government investigations and regulatory matters and litigates improper enforcement actions and whistle-blower cases. He has extensive experience in mining and oil and gas, health, safety, and environmental law, industrial disaster response and regulatory and legislative

services. He began his career at the U.S. Department of the Interior, where he headed the special investigation unit of the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration. Savit earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center (1976) and his B.A. from the University of Southern California (1970).

Brian Hendrix advises clients on environmental, health and safety law, with a focus on litigation, incident investigations, enforcement defense and regulatory compliance counseling. He has extensive experience with federal and state agencies and has represented numerous clients in manufacturing, natural resource production, and service-related industries. He has a strong background in the mining and oil and gas industries, with an interest in surface and underground mining, drilling, minerals and metals, processing, refining, aggregates, cement, and coal mining. Hendrix earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt University (1999) and his B.A. from the University of Tennessee (1996).

Donna Pryor focuses on commercial and administrative litigation related to mine safety and occupational safety and health. Pryor also assists clients in crisis management and strategic communications related to workplace health and safety issues. Pryor has extensive experience in the production of precious metals, aggregates, cement, industrial minerals, coal, salt, potash, phosphate, granite, limestone, and oil and gas. She combines her legal skills and government knowledge with her litigation prowess for clients facing complex problems. She earned her J.D. *cum laude* from Tulane University Law School (2000) and her B.A. from Hofstra University (1992).

Robert Horn has had a distinguished and extensive career in both the private and public sectors. He serves corporate, non-profit and international clients on public policy and regulatory issues in the areas of health and safety, energy, and environmental and economic development. Horn previously served as corporate officer for the Detroit Edison Company and led the company in all regulatory and legislative matters before Congress, the executive branch and administrative agencies. He also served in the White House under President Gerald Ford and served in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He earned his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law (1967) and his B.B.A. from City University of New York, Baruch School of Business and Public Administration (1964).

### Technology, Manufacturing & Transportation

Henry Chajet provides strategic counsel to clients, to prevent or reduce risks from situations of crisis and uncertainty, in environmental, employee health and safety, and antitrust law matters. He represents clients in rulemaking and legislative proceedings, and in investigations and litigation involving unfounded enforcement actions; fatal or serious injuries; explosions; chemical releases; fires; manufacturing, transportation and construction accidents; mining; industrial disasters; and tort allegations. Chajet combines legal and industry experience with public policy and litigation skills. He served as senior counsel to the American Mining Congress, adjunct professor of occupational safety

and health law at Johns Hopkins Graduate School of Public Health, and on both congressional and agency advisory committees. Chajet earned his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law *cum laude* (1976) and his B.A. from Case Western University (1972).

Avi Meyerstein comes to the firm with a practice focused on workplace safety and health matters, litigation and appellate law. He represents clients on MSHA, OSHA, CSB and other safety agency compliance, investigations, enforcement actions and appeals. He has participated in the successful defense and settlement of hundreds of penalty cases and assisted clients in maintaining cooperative relationships with agencies while presenting a vigorous defense. Meyerstein earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center (2002) and his B.A. from Columbia University (1999).

Erik Dullea's practice focuses on regulatory compliance, with an emphasis on mining and transportation industries and government contractors. He represents mine operators in MSHA enforcement actions, advises companies in challenges to OSHA enforcement actions, and advises government contractors on transactional matters, bid protests and civil litigation. He holds an active security clearance and has 20 years of experience in the aviation industry as both a Navy pilot and a commercial pilot. Dullea earned his J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2007) and his B.A. from Cornell University (1988).