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# Husch Blackwell More Than Doubles Its Presence on *Benchmark Litigation's* 2015 List; 22 Attorneys Recognized

Husch Blackwell has received significant recognition as a top litigation firm in the 2015 edition of *Benchmark Litigation's* annual nationwide rankings. The list includes 22 attorneys from the firm's Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska offices. Husch Blackwell secured more spots on the Missouri list than any other firm in the state, with 20 named attorneys.

Husch Blackwell's Litigation practice received the commendable "Recommended" ranking in Missouri and Nebraska, and the firm was reputed to have "one of the strongest toxic and mass tort practices in the country."

In addition, Husch Blackwell partners Cynthia Cordes and Christine Miller were also named in the 2015 *Benchmark Litigation Top 250 Women in Litigation* rankings. They are two of only five attorneys in the state of Missouri to have received this honor.

The following Husch Blackwell attorneys listed in the 2015 *Benchmark Litigation* rankings are:

## ILLINOIS

### Chicago

Local Litigation Star

James P. White – Intellectual Property

## MISSOURI

### Kansas City

Local Litigation Stars

## HUSCH BLACKWELL

Gary D. Barnes – Banking & Financing; Bankruptcy; Business; General Commercial  
Cynthia L. Cordes – Health Care, Life Sciences & Pharma; Technology, Manufacturing & Transport;  
White-Collar Crime/Enforcement/Investigations  
William E. Corum – General Commercial  
Martin M. Loring – Business, Consumer Fraud, Higher Education, Midstream  
William A. “Spike” Lynch – General Commercial, Medical Malpractice, Product Liability  
John R. Phillips – General Commercial, Health Care, Labor/Employment  
Michael Thompson – General Commercial, Securities

Future Star  
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### **St. Louis**

Local Litigation Stars  
Joseph P. Conran – General Commercial, Health Care, Intellectual Property, Securities  
Thomas M. Dee – Antitrust, Business, Consumer Fraud, Employee Litigation, Intellectual Property  
Christine F. Miller – General Commercial, Employment, Product Liability  
Gregory J. Minana – Business, Health Care, Product Liability  
James F. Monafó – Health Care, Life Sciences & Pharma  
Joseph C. Orlet – General Commercial, Intellectual Property, Product Liability  
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### NEBRASKA

#### **Omaha**

Future Star  
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litigators, while “future stars” are litigators who are highlighted as likely to be become “local litigation stars” in coming editions.