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Husch Blackwell Recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* 2012 in Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska **First Year for Recognition in Colorado**

The 2012 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* ranked Husch Blackwell a “Highly Recommended” firm in Missouri and a “Recommended” firm in Colorado and Nebraska.

Thirteen Husch Blackwell attorneys have also been named in these three states. In Colorado, Michael H. Berger and Jeffrey A. Chase were named “local litigation stars.” In Missouri, Kansas City attorneys James D. Griffin, William A. “Spike” Lynch, John R. Phillips and Michael Thompson and St. Louis attorneys Joseph P. Conran, Greg G. Gutzler, Christine F. Miller and Joseph C. Orlet were named “local litigation stars.” Kansas City attorney Stephen J. Torline was named a “future star.” In Nebraska, Thomas H. Dahlk was named a “local litigation star” and Michael S. Degan was named a “future star.”

Benchmark Litigation identifies the leading U.S. trial attorneys and firms at the local and national levels. Focused exclusively on the U.S. litigation market, the publication’s rankings and editorials are the result of extensive interviews with private practice lawyers and in-house counsel. The guide’s “local litigation stars” are recommended by peers and clients to have established consistent reputations as trial attorneys, while “future stars” are those litigators who are highlighted as likely to become “local litigation stars” in coming editions.