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## Missouri Department of Higher Education Former General Counsel Joins Husch Blackwell

### **Joe Cornelison to Practice Educational Institution Law**

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that Joseph W. Cornelison joined the firm's Kansas City, Mo., office as Senior Counsel. His practice will focus on Educational Institution law.

Prior to joining the firm, Cornelison most recently served as General Counsel for the Missouri Department of Higher Education (2010-2011) and as General Counsel for Northwest Missouri State University (2005-2009). Before transitioning to higher education, Cornelison was General Counsel for defense contractor MZM, Inc. (2001-2005), and Of Counsel for Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (2000-2001) in Washington, D.C. In addition, Cornelison served five years as Deputy Administrator of the Panama Canal under President Bill Clinton (1995-2000).

Prior to his civilian career, Cornelison spent more than 25 years serving in the U.S. Army, retiring as a colonel in 1995. During his time in service, Cornelison received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center (1977), where he was Managing Editor of *The Georgetown Law Review*. Cornelison received his Masters in Public Service from Western Kentucky University (1977) and his B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy (1969).

With more than 85 years of experience in education law, Husch Blackwell's Educational Institutions group is a recognized leader in representing public and private educational institutions. Attorneys in the Education practice devote substantially all of their time to serving the needs of public and private elementary schools, secondary schools, institutions of higher education and other education-related businesses and organizations.