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Experienced Intellectual Property Attorney Joins Chicago Healthcare Team at Husch Blackwell

Husch Blackwell welcomes Partner Marc Wezowski to its Chicago office. Wezowski joins the firm's Healthcare, Life Sciences & Education team, having previously practiced at a large Chicago-based intellectual property firm.

As a member of the Healthcare, Life Sciences & Education industry team at Husch Blackwell, Wezowski practices primarily in the field of chemical, pharmaceutical and biotechnology-related intellectual property. In particular, his practice focuses on litigation arising under the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act, colloquially known as the "Hatch-Waxman Act." The Hatch-Waxman Act was enacted, in part, to streamline generic drug approvals and associated patent litigation.

Wezowski's experience includes advising and advocating for clients at all stages of product development and patent litigation, from providing freedom to operate opinions, through the various forms of discovery, to completion of trial and appeal. He has assisted companies in matters related to prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals—including proton pump inhibitors, antiviral therapies, antipsychotics, endothelin receptor antagonists, anticonvulsants, and hormonal contraceptives. He also has significant experience authoring and contributing to patent review proceedings under the America Invents Act, particularly with respect to pharmaceutical patents listed in The Orange Book.

Wezowski has a background in life sciences. Prior to joining Husch Blackwell, he was a research associate in Northwestern University's Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, where he studied the pathology of motor neuron disease-associated dementia. He also previously taught genetics in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology at the

University of Michigan, and in the Department of Biology at Loyola University Chicago.

Wezowski received his J.D. from University of Michigan Law School (2009), where he was the J.D. Sinnock Award recipient for his graduating class. Prior to attending law school, Wezowski received his M.S. in Biology with an emphasis in Molecular Biology and Genetics from Loyola University Chicago, with distinction (2006). He received his B.S. in Biology, with a minor in Chemistry, from Loyola University Chicago (2003) where he graduated with honors.