

NEWS RELEASES

PUBLISHED: APRIL 5, 2019

## Service

K-12 Education

## Industry

Education

## Professionals

ALEKS O. RUSHING  
ST. LOUIS:  
314.345.6275  
ALEKS.RUSHING@  
HUSCHBLACKWELL.COM

ELIZABETH S. SAMPLES  
KANSAS CITY:  
816.983.8271  
ELIZABETH.SAMPLES@  
HUSCHBLACKWELL.COM

# Husch Blackwell to Host School Safety Symposium

**PROGRAM WILL FEATURE FORMER FBI SPECIAL AGENT, KANSAS AND MISSOURI SUPERINTENDENTS AND LEGISLATORS**

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that it will host in conjunction with the Missouri School Board Association a symposium on April 12, 2019 addressing issues connected to school safety and what school districts can do to improve their level of preparedness.

Coordinated by Husch Blackwell attorneys Demetrius Peterson and Aleks Rushing, the event will feature former FBI Special Agent Jeff Lanza, who will discuss best practices for returning to normalcy in times of crisis. In addition, legislators from Kansas and Missouri will provide updates on bills that concern safety. Peterson, Rushing and Elizabeth Samples will discuss the intersection between discipline and safety before local superintendents and mental health professionals conclude the event with a panel discussion about student suicide prevention.

Peterson is a Kansas City-based education attorney in Husch Blackwell's Healthcare, Life Sciences & Education group. He focuses his practice on serving educational institutions and advises school district administrators and staff members in the areas of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, Title VI, Title IX and other student and employee conduct and discipline issues.

Rushing is a St. Louis-based education attorney in in Husch Blackwell's Healthcare, Life Sciences & Education group. She counsels K-12 and higher education clients on investigations, litigation and compliance matters arising from a wide range of civil rights and educational funding issues. These include Title IX, Title IV, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA),

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Family Educational Records Privacy Act (FERPA).

The symposium, which runs from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., is free to attend, but registration before the event is required.