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# Husch Blackwell Taps Jennifer Locklear as Chief People Officer

National law firm Husch Blackwell announced the arrival of Jennifer Locklear as the firm's first Chief People Officer. Locklear has two decades of experience specializing in employee relations, organizational development, and compensation and benefits design. She comes to the firm from global software development company ConnectWise, where she led a comprehensive HR operation across 16 offices in four continents.

As Chief People Officer, Locklear will serve as a key member of Husch Blackwell's leadership team and have responsibilities for leading all human resources initiatives and strategies across the firm. Her leadership will ensure Husch Blackwell remains committed to excellence in all aspects of its operations, while guiding the firm's talent practices, cultivating its culture, and driving the people-first approach.

"Jen holds a distinguished track record of strategic human resources leadership within dynamic, global organizations," said Jamie Lawless, Husch Blackwell's Chief Executive. "Her role will be fundamental in aligning the efforts of our people functions with the firm's organizational strategies to solidify Husch Blackwell's status as an uncommon workplace. Her strategic oversight will be crucial as we strive to meet the evolving needs of our clients, attorneys and professional staff."

Locklear has two decades of robust experience in high-growth environments and history of fostering collaboration among teams. Prior to her global HR role at ConnectWise, Locklear did a stint at WilsonHCO, a top global recruitment outsourcing and human capital consulting firm, and Healthesystems, a healthcare technology provider.

"Husch Blackwell is known for its forward-thinking approach to running the firm like a business," Locklear said. "The firm's commitment to strategic

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growth and operational excellence resonates deeply with my professional ethos, and I am eager to contribute to fostering a dynamic and inclusive environment where our people can thrive and continue to drive exceptional service for our clients.”

Based in Tampa, Florida, Locklear will join The Link, the firm’s virtual office.