



## Meredith L. Benage

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### OVERVIEW

Meredith has significant experience representing investors, lenders, community development entities, and other businesses in commercial financing transactions involving federal and state tax credits.

At Husch Blackwell, Meredith represents clients in New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) transactions, which utilize various forms of debt, equity, and public financing. She advises parties on all sides of NMTC projects, from investors to Community Development Entities (CDEs) to source lenders. Meredith has previously contributed to transactions involving the construction of federally qualified health clinics, solar energy production facilities, and the expansion of community centers, to name a few.

Meredith also represents lenders in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) financing transactions across the country, from the District of Columbia to Hawaii, with significant experience in drafting and negotiating bridge loans to support LIHTC projects.

Meredith is enthusiastic about the positive impact tax incentive programs have in the neighborhoods around them. She values the opportunity to play a role in encouraging development in underserved regions.

### Industry

Financial Services & Capital Markets

### Services

Development Incentives & Tax Credits

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing

Tax

Tax Credits

## Experience

- Represented investors, lenders, Community Development Entities (CDEs), and other businesses in transactions involving state and federal New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) transactions.
- Represented lenders in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) transactions in various states.
- Represented lender in bridge loans involving LIHTCs.
- Represented lender in Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) financing transactions across the country.
- Represented buyers and sellers in asset and stock acquisitions and divestitures.
- Provided legal counsel to businesses and individuals regarding entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, entity organization and corporate governance, and other tax considerations.

## Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Tax Law, 2024 and 2025

## Education

- LL.M., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
  - Taxation
- J.D., Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center
- D.C.L., Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center
- B.A., Southern Methodist University
  - Political Science
- B.A., Southern Methodist University
  - Corporate Communications and Public Affairs

## Admissions

- Missouri
- Texas

## Community Leadership

- Freedom Suits Memorial Foundation, Board Member, Treasurer
- St. Louis Foodbank, Young Professionals Board, 2020-2022



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