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OVERVIEW

Audrey assists clients with a wide variety of labor and employment matters.

Audrey discovered during her undergraduate law studies courses that she loved analyzing legal reasoning. This interest led to a legal career in the labor and employment field.

Today, Audrey has a general practice in labor and employment, where she assists with employment litigation, advises on the employment issues present in corporate transactions, and provides preventative counsel to help clients stay compliant with the law. Her experience includes defending employers in cases involving allegations of discrimination and harassment, drafting and updating employee handbooks and separation agreements, and advising on legally compliant recruiting and hiring processes.

Audrey joined Husch Blackwell in 2023 and was attracted to the firm's commitment to offering cutting edge services to clients. The firm's focus on client service matched her own: Audrey's aim is for each client to always feel that their matter is the most important one on her desk.

Services

Employment Litigation Defense
Labor & Employment

Experience

- Drafted position statements on issues related to discrimination, retaliation, and failure to accommodate.
- Reviewed and revised employee handbooks to ensure client compliance with current law.
- Drafted authorization release forms for clients to use in recruiting and hiring processes.
- Developed COVID-19 policies and accommodation request forms for clients.
- Prepared non-competition, non-solicitation, and confidentiality agreements.
- Drafted CCPA compliant privacy policies, disclosures, and notices.

Recognition

- *The National Law Review*, Go To Thought Leader, 2021

Education

- J.D., Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
 - *Journal of Law & Social Policy*, Associate Editor
- B.A., Marquette University
 - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Wisconsin

Community Leadership

Audrey has volunteered with Sojourner Family Peace Center, where she assisted with applications for temporary restraining orders in domestic violence and harassment cases. She has also volunteered with Cook County, where she mediated small claims court cases.