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MANUFACTURING

Husch Blackwell's Manufacturing law team partners with companies to develop long-term strategies for growth and reducing risk while resolving day-to-day issues. We advise companies in the chemicals, consumer goods, distribution, industrial goods, and raw materials sectors on transactional matters such as mergers and acquisitions, OSHA compliance, product safety, trademark and patent preparation and filing, and labor and employment. Our attorneys also guide new and established businesses on optimizing growth through the Internet of Things and other emerging technologies.

Additionally, our attorneys have extensive experience handling commercial disputes as well as toxic tort, product liability, class actions, intellectual property, and other litigation that can be a fact of life for manufacturers. Our team serves as regional and national coordinating counsel for several clients, including Olin Corp. and Bayer (formerly Monsanto). We also provide counseling on compliance, permitting and enforcement in substantive environmental matters, including land use, pesticide regulation, site remediation, toxic chemical regulation, and hazardous wastes.

Case Studies

Tube Investments of India

At the conclusion of the antidumping and countervailing duty investigations concerning cold-drawn mechanical tubing from India, Tube Investments of India (TII), a significant global manufacturer of auto parts unexpectedly



"Husch Blackwell is motivated to work on behalf of its clients, but makes sure a deal is completed on an orderly and timely basis."

ClientFeedback —

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received an adverse determination by the U.S. Department of Commerce resulting in enterprise-threatening duties. TII worked together with Husch Blackwell to find a solution and significantly reduce their margins in the first administrative review.

TricorBraun

In 2019, when the supply of glass bottles in the U.S. was threatened due to some domestic manufacturers' attempts to limit the availability of foreign-made bottles, TricorBraun—the largest distributor of primary packaging and the largest distributor of wine bottles in North America—turned to Husch Blackwell to develop a solution.

Experience

Manufacturing Client Obtains Favorable Rulings in Lawsuit Alleging Breach of Contract

Representative Experience

Handled an investigation into the safety testing of a baseball catcher's helmet and drafted filings for US CPSC. Based on our findings, the Husch Blackwell team then led a recall in the US and Canada.

Represented a privately owned cleaning products company with its redevelopment and expansion of a corporate headquarters, including a manufacturing and distribution complex, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Worked with the client and the state of Missouri to develop an environmental risk remediation plan and secure Brownfields Tax Incentives to help with the expense.

Represented manufacturing company in connection with a

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multi-year audit of compensation practices by the U.S. Department of Labor, alleging exposure for unpaid time in the range of several million dollars. The Husch Blackwell team successfully persuaded the DoL to conclude its investigation without any finding or assessment of penalty.

Successfully represented manufacturing company in a twocount tort action concerning injuries suffered by a truck driver who alleged significant injury from a fall while on the client's property.

Represented manufacturer of industrial refrigeration compressor which exploded at food processing facility. Took over the Ohio state court case during expert discovery. After disclosing new metallurgical and refrigeration system experts, deposing plaintiffs' experts, and defending new defense experts' depositions, our client won summary judgment on all counts.