

## CORPORATE



Small and global clients alike entrust Husch Blackwell with their most complex and critical corporate law matters. Our counsel spans the corporate life cycle, from structuring business entities to formulating exit strategies. In between, we advise clients across industries on contracts, compliance, governance, growth, investments, and other matters both pivotal and routine.

Members of our Corporate law team have deep knowledge of tax law, accounting, securities regulations, and financing. We draw on that wealth of combined knowledge as we help clients find the solutions and close the deals that move their businesses forward.

Particular areas of guidance include:

### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

We represent buyers, sellers, private equity firms, management buyout groups, and other entities at all phases of dealmaking for high-profile corporate transactions.

### **Private Equity**

We regularly work with funds and their portfolio companies, providing legal advice on practically all areas relevant to their operations. We have experience across the investment life cycle and also represent companies that are the targets of PE buyouts.

### **Securities & Corporate Governance**

We guide clients through the structuring, negotiating, and documenting of capital market transactions that are critical to long-term growth, and we partner with them in evaluating

*My company is in the cannabis space where it is sink or swim for minority entrepreneurs. And finding good, affordable legal support has been very difficult for me. HB is walking me through a comprehensive review of my corporate structure and helping position us best to raise money. The program has been great for us.*

— Jarell Wall,  
Co-Founder &  
CEO, Gentleman  
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and crafting solutions to the various transactional and disclosure challenges that can arise.

## **Antitrust Law**

We provide clients with key antitrust and competition law guidance on a range of challenges and opportunities, including corporate transactions and compliance issues.

## Case Studies

### **U.S. Beef & Platform Ventures**

When U.S. Beef, formerly the largest franchisee of Arby's restaurants in the U.S., sought to shift its business focus after selling its restaurant assets in December 2018, it partnered with Platform Ventures, an investment firm, to acquire the Plaza Vista Office Building, located on the west end of Kansas City's iconic Plaza District, from EverWest Real Estate Investors. The deal proved to be incredibly complex, and U.S. Beef and Platform turned to Husch Blackwell for guidance in turning their plans into reality.

### **Missouri Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church**

When the oldest United Methodist church in Kansas City, Missouri, explored how to reinvigorate and refresh its presence in the community, its leadership decided that becoming a satellite location of the largest United Methodist church in the country— The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, based in neighboring Kansas—would be the best option, but much work was required to make that dream a reality.

## Experience

Venture Funding Sustains Growth of Pollenware

## Representative Experience

Business Succession Planning

Capital Markets

Commercial Contracting

Franchise & Distribution

Investment Management

Mergers & Acquisitions

Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs)

Startups