Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 014

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2021

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP

4801 MAIN STREET
SUITE 1000
KANSAS CITY, MO 64112

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
26-1688286

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
816-983-8000

2d Business code (see instructions)
541110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2026	ANNE BROOME
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b**	Administrator's EIN
		3c	Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4d**	PN
c	Plan Name		

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	215
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	208
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	188
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	7
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	195
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	195
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

1C

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) [ ]	Insurance	**(1)** [ ]	Insurance
(2) [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)** [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) [X]	Trust	**(3)** [X]	Trust
(4) [ ]	General assets of the sponsor	**(4)** [ ]	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [X] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
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Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of $1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 014

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
26-1688286

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [ ] 100 or fewer [X] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	17415517
b Actuarial value	**2b**	17415517

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	7	628153	628153
c For active participants	208	16523224	16523224
d Total	215	17151377	17151377

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.26 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	6966015
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	6966015

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

09/30/2026
Date

DANIEL KELLY
Type or print name of actuary

26-08800
Most recent enrollment number

MERCER
Firm name

212-345-7000
Telephone number (including area code)

1166 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10036-2708
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 11.07 %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		155729
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 4.87 %		7584
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		163313
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	101.54 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	101.54 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	101.55 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
01/30/2026	7609279	0			
			Totals ► 18(b)	7609279	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
a	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.	19b	0
c	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	7199648

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

	1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
a Segment rates:	5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	60

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	**28**	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	**29**	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	**30**	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	6966015
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	264140

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____)_and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	6701875

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	6701875
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	7199648
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	497773
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☒ 2021

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan
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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 014

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
26-1688286

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

BENEFIT TRUST COMPANY

43-1971558

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
21	TRUSTEE	8824	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

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b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 014

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
26-1688286

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	7292934	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	10151031	15665452
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	17443965	15665452
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	17443965	15665452

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		0
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	1700489	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		1700489
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	786058	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		786058
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-371867
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2114680
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3884369	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		3884369
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	8824	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		8824
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3893193
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-1778513
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: RUBINBROWN LLP **(2)** EIN: 43-0765316

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**	X		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 589964.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 014

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
26-1688286

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions ..... | 1 | 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): _____ _____

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year ..... | 3 | 50

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a	Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a	
b	Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b	
c	Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c	

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☒ Both ☐ No

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☒ Yes ☐ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☒ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules

Including Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the statements of accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2025 and 2024 and related statements of changes in accumulated plan benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

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Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for at least one year following the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental scheduless of Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), and Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions as of or for the year ended December 31, 2025 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Kansas City, Missouri
October 14, 2026

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Investments - at fair value	$15,665,452	$10,151,031
Receivables		
Employer contributions	7,609,278	7,292,934
Total assets	23,274,730	17,443,965
Net assets available for benefits	$23,274,730	$17,443,965

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Additions		
Investment income		
Interest and dividends	$ 786,058	$ 714,892
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,328,622	323,638
Total investment income	2,114,680	1,038,530
Contributions		
Employer contributions	7,609,278	7,292,934
Total additions	9,723,958	8,331,464
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	3,884,229	3,963,798
Administrative expenses	8,964	13,379
Total deductions	3,893,193	3,977,177
Net increase	5,830,765	4,354,287
Net assets available for benefits	-	-
Beginning of year	17,443,965	13,089,678
End of year	$23,274,730	$17,443,965

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits

As of January 1, 2025 and 2024

	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2024
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits		
Vested benefits		
Active participants	$16,538,707	$12,606,803
Other participants	628,153	252,968
Total vested benefits	17,166,860	12,859,771
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	$17,166,860	$12,859,771

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits

For the Years Ended January 1, 2025 and 2024

	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2024
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year	$12,859,771	$ 8,852,060
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:		
Benefits accumulated and gains	7,738,944	7,491,227
Increase due to changes in discount period	548,040	345,594
Benefits paid	(3,963,798)	(3,705,678)
Change in actuarial assumptions	(16,097)	(123,432)
Net increase	4,307,089	4,007,711
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year	$17,166,860	$12,859,771

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance
Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a noncontributory cash balance defined benefit plan established effective January 1, 2021. The Plan covers equity partners (Eligible Class Member) of Husch Blackwell LLP (the Employer or Plan Sponsor) who are highly compensated individuals within the meaning of section 414(q) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC). Non-equity partners, as well as associate attorneys, staff attorneys, senior counsel, staff employees, leased employees, interns, summer associates, temporary workers, and non-resident aliens with no U.S. source income, of the Plan Sponsor are not eligible to participate. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Effective October 7, 2025, the Plan's trustee became Fidelity Trust Company. Benefit Trust Company was the trustee from August 1, 2024 through October 7, 2025. Prior to August 1, 2024, the trustee of the Plan was Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company.

Cash balance account

A participant’s benefits in the Plan are expressed in the form of a hypothetical “Cash Balance Account”. A Participant’s Cash Balance Account shall be equal to the sum of the Pay Credits and Interest Credits added to the Participant’s Cash Balance Account.

Pay credits

For each Plan Year, a Participant who is an Eligible Class Member during all or part of a Plan Year and earns Benefit Accrual Service for such Plan Year shall be credited with a Pay Credit as of the last day of the Plan Year equal to:

(i) the Accrual Percentage, multiplied by
(ii) the Compensation Limit for such Plan Year, further multiplied by
(iii) the Accrual Growth Factor for such Plan Year.

The Accrual Percentage is based upon the Participant’s attained age at December 31, 2021. The Accrual Growth Factor and Compensation Range is set forth in the Plan Document.

If a Participant incurs a change in status and ceases to be an Eligible Class Member, no further Pay Credits shall be credited to such Participant's Account with respect to periods after such change in status. If such a Participant subsequently becomes an Eligible Class Member, the Participant shall again be eligible to receive Pay Credits with respect to periods following the Participant's change in status.

A participant's Cash Balance Account will never be less than the sum of the Pay Credit's to such participant's Cash Balance Account, reduced to reflect the value of any prior distributions.

Interest credits

"Interest credits" are added to a participant's hypothetical Cash Balance Account using the rate of return on the aggregate assets of the Plan, after expenses, for the applicable period, including both positive and negative returns. Interest credits are added monthly to participants' Cash Balance Accounts based on their balances at the beginning of the month. Interest credits cease when benefit payments begin.

Benefit Payments

A participant is 100% vested in his or her Cash Balance Account at all times. Upon attainment of 59 ½, retirement or separation of service, a participant is entitled to a monthly benefit equal to a life annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of the participant's Cash Balance Account. Benefit payments must commence before April 1 following the year in which a participant attains age 72, even if the participant is still employed by the Plan Sponsor.

Married participants must receive their pension benefits in the form of a qualified joint and survivor annuity unless the participant elects, with the spouse's consent, an alternative form of benefit payment. Benefits for an unmarried participant are paid in the form of a single life annuity unless the participant elects an optional form of benefit payment. Optional forms of benefit include a single lump-sum payment or a 75% joint and survivor annuity (if married).

Death and disability benefits

If a participant dies before benefit payments have begun, benefits are paid to the participant's spouse unless the participant, with the spouse's consent, selects a different beneficiary. If the beneficiary is a participant's surviving spouse, the surviving spouse may elect benefit payments in the form of a preretirement survivor annuity or a lump-sum payment. If the beneficiary is any person other than the participant's surviving spouse, the benefit will be paid in a single, lump-sum payment.

Funding policy

The current funding policy of the Plan is to contribute from time to time in such amounts as shall be estimated as necessary to provide the benefits to the Plan.

All contributions meet the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities; and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements, and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Actuarial Present Value Of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, that are attributable under the Plan's provisions based on the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits payable under all circumstances (retirement, death, disability and termination of employment) are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the date as of which the benefit information is presented (the valuation date).

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an independent actuary and results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were:

	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2024
Retirement Rates	Varies by age beginning at age 60 with assumptions based on approximate age at which participants are eligible to receive in-service distributions from the plan.	Varies by age beginning at age 60 with assumptions based on approximate age at which participants are eligible to receive in-service distributions from the plan.
Discount Rate	6.10%	5.70%
Preservation of Capital	0.30% for 2025 which is based on the expected value of payments to participants in excess of the account balance attributable to the preservation of capital requipment for a typical participant.	0.45% for 2024 which is based on the expected value of payments to participants in excess of the account balance attributable to the preservation of capital requipment for a typical participant.

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits.

Contributions Receivable and Credit Loss Policy

Amounts due for contributions are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances less an allowance for expected credit losses. The expected credit losses amount reflects management's best estimate of amounts that will not be collected. This assessment considers historical experience, current conditions and, when appropriate, reasonable and supportable forecasts.

The Plan has concluded that no allowance for current expected credit losses was necessary at December 31, 2025 or 2024.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Employer or Plan Sponsor, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Employer or Plan Sponsor are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 14, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Information Certified by Trustee

The plan administrator has elected to have an audit performed pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2025 and 2024. Accordingly, certain information in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules were agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company (current Trustee) and Benefit Trust Company (former Trustee), which are both qualified institutions. The certified information includes the Plan's investments reported in the accompanying Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the accompanying supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, and the related investment activity (including net appreciation/depreciation, interest, and dividends) reported in the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits and the information reported in the accompanying supplemental Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Benefit Trust Company and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the Plan's previous Trustees and qualified institutions, certified to the completeness and accuracy of the Plan's investments reported in the accompanying Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related investment activity (including net appreciation/depreciation, interest, and dividends) reported in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

4. Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation techniques used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the techniques used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

> *Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Mutual funds	$15,665,452	$ -	$ -	$15,665,452

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Mutual funds	$10,151,031	$ -	$ -	$10,151,031

5. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
2. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations.
3. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
4. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the plan sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

6. Party In Interest Transactions

As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. Additionally, certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Employer or Plan Sponsor. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

7. Tax Status

The Plan uses a non-standardized pre-approved plan document that received a favorable opinion letter for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on October 7, 2020, which stated that the Plan, as then designed was in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since the date of the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and as such is exempt from federal income taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Plan contributions are made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

Supplemental Schedules

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN: 26-1688286 Plan Number: 014

As of December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
Mutual Fund	Vanguard	Vanguard Group Life Strategy Moderate Growth	$13,780,009	$15,665,452

*Denotes a party-in-interest.

The above information is a required disclosure for IRS Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, line 4i.

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

EIN: 26-1688286 Plan Number: 014

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	(a)	(b) Description of asset	(c) Purchase price	(d) Selling price	(g) Cost	(h) Current value	(i) Net gain/(loss)
Series Transactions							
	12	Vanguard Group Life Strategy Moderate Growth	$ -	$ 1,248,502	$ 1,233,745	$ -	$ 14,757
	2	Vanguard Group Life Strategy Moderate Growth	4,807,954	-	-	4,807,954	-
Total Series Transactions	14	Vanguard Group Life Strategy Moderate Growth	$ 4,807,954	$ 1,248,502	$ 1,233,745	$ 4,807,954	$ 14,757

The above information is a required disclosure for IRS Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, line 4j.

Schedule SB, line 26 — Schedule of Active Participant Data

Attained age	Years of credited service										
	Under 1	1–4	5–9	10–14	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40 & up	Total
Under 25											
25–29											
30–34		1									1
35–39	4	5									9
40–44	5	32									37
45–49	3	40									43
50–54	2	29									31
55–59	2	40									42
60–64		25									25
65–69	3	13									16
70 & up		4									4
Total	19	189									208

Average pay and cash balance accounts are not show for plans with less than 1,000 active participants.

Schedule SB, Part V — Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Discount rate sponsor elections		
• Segment rates or full yield curve	Segment	
• Look-back months	4	
	Stabilized	**Nonstabilized**
• First 5 years	5.07%	5.07%
• Next 15 years	5.31%	5.33%
• Over 20 years	5.50%	5.36%
Mortality sponsor elections		
• Healthy participants	Section 430(h)(3) prescribed generational annuitant and nonannuitant mortality tables for 2025 plan year funding valuations. These tables are based on the Pri-2012 mortality tables projected with the IRS modified MP-2021 mortality improvement scale, in accordance with IRS regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1.	
Cash balance plans		
• Investment return applied to benefit indexation	Return implied by the effective discount rate (5.27% for 2025 reflecting non-stabilized rates).	
• Preservation of capital load	0.30% increase to the funding target and target normal cost to capture the expected future cost of the preservation of capital provision.	
Demographic assumptions		
• Withdrawal	5.00% per year	
• Disability incidence	None	
• Benefit commencement age	Age 60, or 1 year from the valuation if over 60	
• Benefit commencement age for		
– Future vested deferred	Immediate	
– Current vested deferred	Immediate	
Form of payment	**Lump sum**	
• Active retirements	100%	
• Future vested deferred	100%	
• Future deaths	100%	
• Current vested deferred	100%	

Rationale for assumptions

- Investment return applied to benefit indexation - The discount rate effectively defines the rate which a current amount is assumed to earn to provide a future benefit. As the current amount is assumed to grow at the segment rates, these rates are also used to calculate the corresponding benefit indexation.

Schedule SB, Part V — Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

- Preservation of capital load - based on the expected value of payments to participants in excess of the account balance attributable to the preservation of capital requirement for a typical participant. Based on a simulation of future returns from Mercer's Capital Market Outlook as of January 1, 2025 and assets invested 60% in equity and 40% in fixed income. The 0.30% load reflects the relationship between account balances and historical pay credits.
- Withdrawal - The withdrawal assumption is based on the Firm's experience for the 5 year period preceding the first plan year, as provided by the Firm.
- Benefit commencement age - The benefit commencement age assumption is set at age 60, the approximate age at which participants are eligible to receive in-service distributions from the plan (age 59-1/2).
- Form of payment - Reflects anticipated behavior of plan participants based on discussions with Husch Blackwell.

Schedule SB, Part V — Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Actuarial methods for funding

Asset methods

The asset valuation method is the fair market value.

Participant methods

Participants or former participants are included or excluded from the valuation as described below:

- **Participants included:** The plan sponsor provides us with data on all employees as of the valuation date, but only those employees who have completed the plan's eligibility requirements are included in the valuation of liabilities.
- **Insurance contracts**: The plan does not have any insurance contracts.

Minimum funding methods

The funding target for minimum funding calculations is computed using the traditional unit credit method of funding. The objective under this method is to fund each participant's benefits under the plan as they accrue. Thus, the total pension to which each participant is expected to become entitled at retirement is broken down into units, each associated with a year of past or future credited service.

A detailed description of the calculation follows:

- The plan's valuation date is the beginning of the plan year.
- An individual's **funding target** is the present value of future benefits based on credited service and average pay as of the beginning of the plan year, and an individual's **target normal cost** is the present value of the benefit expected to accrue in the plan year. If multiple decrements are used, the funding target and the target normal cost for an individual are the sum of the component funding targets and target normal costs associated with the various anticipated separation dates.
- The plan's **target normal cost** is the sum of the individual target normal costs, and the plan's **funding target** is the sum of the individual funding targets for all participants under the plan.

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

EIN: 26-1688286 Plan Number: 014

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	(a)	(b) Description of asset	(c) Purchase price	(d) Selling price	(g) Cost	(h) Current value	(i) Net gain/(loss)
Series Transactions							
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The above information is a required disclosure for IRS Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, line 4j.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of $1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan
Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 014

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
Husch Blackwell LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
26-1688286

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [ ] 100 or fewer [X] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	17,415,517
b Actuarial value	**2b**	17,415,517

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	7	628,153	628,153
c For active participants	208	16,523,224	16,523,224
d Total	215	17,151,377	17,151,377

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	
5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.26%
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	6,966,015
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	6,966,015

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE Daniel Kelly (DK)
Signature of actuary

09/30/2026
Date

Daniel Kelly
Type or print name of actuary

2608800
Most recent enrollment number

Mercer
Firm name

212-345-7000
Telephone number (including area code)

1166 Avenue of the Americas
New York NY 10036-2708
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 11.07%	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		155,729
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 4.87%		7,584
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		163,313
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	101.54%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	101.54%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	101.55%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
01/30/2026	7,609,279	0			
			Totals ► 18(b)	7,609,279	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.	19c	7,199,648

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50%	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	60

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☒ Yes ☐ No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	**28**	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	**29**	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	**30**	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	6,966,015
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	264,140

32 Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	6,701,875

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	6,701,875
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	7,199,648
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	497,773
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☒ 2021

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Benefits included or excluded

Unless noted below, all benefits provided by the plan, as restated and amended through August 1, 2022 are included in this valuation:

- **Plan amendments excluded:** Amendments adopted after the valuation date or effective after the current plan year are excluded from the valuation.
- **Late retirement increases:**
  - *Active participants:* The plan provides benefit suspension notices to participants who work beyond normal retirement and requires participants to commence receipt of their benefit no later than their required beginning date; therefore, no late retirement actuarial increases apply under the terms of the plan other than those inherent in the interest credit.
  - *Deferred vested participants:* There are no current deferred vested participants over normal retirement age.
- **Internal Revenue Code limitations:** The limitations of Internal Revenue Code Section 415(b) and 401(a)(17) have been incorporated into our calculations.
- **IRC Section 416 rules for top-heavy plans:** We did not test whether this plan is top-heavy (when the present value of benefits for key employees equals or exceeds 60% of the present value for all participants). However, we expect that the plan is not top-heavy due to the large number of rank-and-file participants; therefore, the funding target and target normal cost do not reflect any liability for top-heavy benefit accruals.
- **Scheduled benefit increases:** Scheduled benefit increases effective after the end of the current plan year are excluded from minimum funding requirements.
- **Unpredictable contingent event benefits:** The plan does not have any unpredictable contingent event benefits.

Effective date and plan year	Original plan: January 1, 2021 Plan year: January 1 through December 31
Most recent amendment	August 1, 2022
Status of the plan	The plan has ongoing benefit accruals and Eligible Employees participate in the plan once they satisfy the participation requirements.
Significant events that occurred during the year	None.
Definitions	
• Employment Commencement Date	The date upon which an Employee first performs an Hour of Service for the Firm.
• Entry Date	The first day of January of each year beginning on or after the Effective Date and containing the Employment Commencement Date.

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• Eligible Employees	Equity Partners who qualify as Highly Compensated Employees on the Entry Date.
• Vesting	A Participant shall be one hundred percent (100%) vested in his or her Accrued Benefit at all times.
• Credited service	Each period of twelve consecutive months, beginning on an individual's Entry Date and each anniversary thereof, in which an Employee or Partner completes at least one thousand (1,000) hours of service.
• Base Credits	If an active participant is employed on the last day of a Plan Year, Base Credits will be added to the participant's Cash Balance Account as of the February 1st of the succeeding Plan Year. The Base Credits will be equal to: (i) the applicable Base Credit Percentage from the schedule in Appendix A, multiplied by (ii) the Compensation Limit for the applicable plan year, multiplied by (iii) the Accrual Growth Factor for the applicable plan year In the year of termination, in which the participant completes at least 1,000 hours of service, a prorated Base Credit shall be credited to the participant's Cash Balance Account based on the number of months the participant was an Eligible Employee during the year.
• Base Credit Percentage	The percentage determined from the applicable Base Credit Schedule in Appendix A. The percentage is based upon the participant's Budgeted Compensation for the applicable plan year and the participant's attained age on December 31, 2021.
• Accrual Growth Factor	The Accrual Growth Factor applicable for each Plan Year is shown in the table below:

Plan Year	Accrual Growth Factor
2021	1.0000
2022	1.0250
2023	1.0506
2024	1.0769
2025	1.1038
2026	1.1314
2027	1.1597
2028	1.1887
2029	1.2184
2030	1.2489

• Compensation Limit	Annual limit specified by Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code. For 2025 the limit is $350,000.

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• Budgeted Compensation	The target compensation assigned to the Partner under the terms of the Firm's partnership agreement for the Firm's fiscal year that begins in the Plan Year.
• Interest Credits	At the end of each Valuation Period (calendar month), Interest Credits shall be added to (or deducted from) the Cash Balance Accounts to the extent benefits have not been paid. Interest Credits are equal to the actual rate of investment return on the assets of the Trust Fund during the Valuation Period multiplied by the Cash Balance Account at the beginning of the Valuation Period. Base Credits added to a participant's Cash Balance Account for the immediately preceding plan year shall only earn Interest Credits beginning with the following plan year, commencing on February 1.
• Cash Balance Account	A cash balance account shall be established for each participant. Each such account shall have an initial balance of zero until credited with an amount of Service Credits and Interest Credits. As of a participant's benefit commencement date, the cash balance account is subject to minimum amount of the sum of all Service Credits with no adjustments for earnings or losses.
• Accrued Benefit	The Actuarial Equivalent of the Participant's Cash Balance Account
• Normal Retirement Age	Age 62
• Deferred Vested	If a participant is no longer employed by Husch Blackwell, he or she may elect to defer commencement of his or her benefit payment to a later date, but no later than his or her Normal Retirement Age. The participant's Cash Balance Account under the plan will continue to be adjusted for investment earnings during the deferral period.
Eligibility	
• Normal Form of Benefit	For single participants: Single Life Annuity For married participants: Qualified 50% Joint and Survivor Annuity
• Optional Forms	75% Joint and Survivor Annuity, Life Annuity or Lump Sum In-service distributions are available to participants who have attained age 59-1/2.
• Actuarial Equivalence	A benefit of equivalent value based on the following assumptions: an interest rate equal to the applicable rate under Code Section 417(e)(3) for the second month (November) preceding the Plan Year in which the Annuity Starting Date occurs and the unisex PRI-2012 white collar annuitant mortality table and projected to 2020 with the MP-2020 improvement scale.
• Maximum Benefits	Annual benefits may not exceed the limits in IRC Section 415. This limit is indexed annually. For 2025 the limit is $280,000.

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Appendix A

Schedule of Accrual Percentages

Age at 12/31/2021[1]	Budgeted Compensation Range		
	Under $400,000	$400,000 - $550,000	$550,000 and Over
35[2]	1.6162%	3.2328%	6.4652%
36	1.6972%	3.3941%	6.7886%
37	1.7821%	3.5641%	7.1279%
38	1.8710%	3.7421%	7.4845%
39	1.9645%	3.9293%	7.8586%
40	2.0628%	4.1259%	8.2514%
41	2.1659%	4.3321%	8.6641%
42	2.2745%	4.5486%	9.0972%
43	2.3879%	4.7762%	9.5521%
44	2.5076%	5.0148%	10.0297%
45	2.6328%	5.2655%	10.5314%
46	2.7645%	5.5290%	11.0579%
47	2.9028%	5.8055%	11.6107%
48	3.0479%	6.0955%	12.1914%
49	3.2003%	6.4003%	12.8007%
50	3.3603%	6.7203%	13.4410%
51	3.5283%	7.0566%	14.1131%
52	3.7045%	7.4093%	14.8186%
53	3.8900%	7.7797%	15.5597%
54	4.0845%	8.1686%	16.3376%
55	4.2886%	8.5772%	17.1545%
56	4.5031%	9.0062%	18.0121%
57	4.7283%	9.4562%	18.9128%
58	4.9645%	9.9293%	19.8583%
59	5.2128%	10.4255%	20.8514%
60	5.4734%	10.9469%	21.8938%
61	5.7472%	11.4941%	22.9886%
62 and over	6.0345%	12.0690%	24.1379%

[1] Attained age at December 31, 2021.
[2] For each year that a Participant is younger than age 35, percentages applicable at age 35 are reduced by 5% (divided by 1.05).

Husch Blackwell LLP Cash Balance

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN: 26-1688286 Plan Number: 014

As of December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
Mutual Fund	Vanguard	Vanguard Group Life Strategy Moderate Growth	$13,780,009	$15,665,452

*Denotes a party-in-interest.

The above information is a required disclosure for IRS Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, line 4i.

Schedule SB, line 24 – Changes in non-prescribed actuarial assumptions

The preservation of capital load decreased from 0.45% for the January 1, 2024 valuation to 0.30% for the January 1, 2025 valuation.