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## KCMBA RECOGNIZES ATTORNEY AT 123RD ANNUAL MEETING

The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA) presented the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award to **John C. Dods, III**, of counsel to Shook, Hardy & Bacon, L.L.P. This award is presented to individuals for a lifetime of outstanding services resulting in growth and development of law, improvement in the administration of justice, and increased recognition of the contributions of the legal profession to the welfare of society.

## NEW NAME FOR MERGED LAW FIRM: HUSCH BLACKWELL SANDERS, LLP

Upon completion of the merger between Husch & Eppenberger, L.L.C. and Blackwell Sanders, L.L.P., the official new name of the law firm will be Husch Blackwell Sanders, L.L.P. Co-chairmen of the firm are Joseph P. Conran and David A. Fenley.

## JACKSON COUNTY FAMILY COURT PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Jackson County Court's Juvenile Probation and Aftercare Services has received accreditation from the Ameri-

can Correctional Association (ACA) in Dallas. The juvenile program is the first in the state of Missouri to be accredited and only the 13th juvenile probation and aftercare services program in the nation to achieve ACA accreditation.

The latest statistics show that only four percent of youths are referred back to the family court within six months after release from probation. The major reason for the recidivism rate is that the Jackson County Family Court provides its own services and in-house treatment.

The only programs provided are those known to be successful as analyzed by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program.