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### Lindsey Dates Invited To Join Leadership Council On Legal Diversity 2014 Fellows Class

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**CHICAGO** – Lindsey Dates, a partner in Barnes & Thornburg's Chicago office, has been selected for the 2014 Fellows Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). Lindsey joins more than 170 other young attorneys from around the country for this year's Fellows program.

Dates represents U.S. and global clients in high-stakes commercial litigation matters in forums across the country.

Launched in 2011, the LCLD Fellows program is an ambitious, highly structured initiative built to increase diversity at the leadership levels of the nation's law firms and corporate legal departments. Over the course of the year-long program, participants will be challenged to improve their professional brand, build relationships that enhance professional development, participate in corporate learning experiences, and sharpen stewardship and leadership skills.

"Our Fellows program is a unique learning experience designed to empower a new generation of lawyers," said Brad Smith, LCLD Chair and Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Microsoft Corporation. "These talented individuals have been singled out for leadership by their organizations, and represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds that are as diverse as the country they serve."

LCLD is a national organization made up of general counsel and managing partners of the leading corporations and law firms in the country. The Fellows initiative is one of several launched by LCLD since the organization's founding in 2009. Other programs include a national mentoring initiative serving more than 2,000 mentors and mentees, a 1L Scholars program involving more than 200 first-year law students, and special programming for Members through CLE presentations and other platforms.

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