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Barnes & Thornburg Welcomes New Attorneys And Legal Professionals

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Barnes & Thornburg has added new corporate, intellectual property, labor and employment, and litigation attorneys and legal professionals to its Chicago, Dallas, New York and South Bend offices.

An associate in the New York office, [Benjamin Cauthren](#) focuses on traditional corporate and transactional work, including commercial contract drafting and negotiation. Cauthren's strong and effective writing and editing skills are put in play routinely, as he drafts non-disclosure, confidentiality, standstill, non-circumvent and non-solicit agreements in connection with leverage buyout transactions, purchases of distressed securities, corporate restructuring and industry consolidations. He earned his J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2012 and his B.A. in journalism, mass communication and communication studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2003.

[Julia Livingston](#), an associate in the New York office, represents clients in complex commercial litigation across numerous industries, including finance, healthcare, medical device, pharmaceutical, and retail. She drafts complaints, motions to dismiss, discovery requests and other court documents and prepares clients for appearances with government agencies, negotiations, depositions, and for trial. Livingston also has experience representing and advising nonprofit clients on a wide range of employment and data security matters. She earned her J.D. from Cornell Law School in 2015 and her B.A. in English and philosophy from Rutgers University in 2009.

With nearly 20 years of experience working in-house and in IP law, and a strong background in technology, [Melissa Mattio](#) concentrates her paralegal work on international and domestic intellectual property matters

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with an emphasis on trademarks. As a paralegal in the Chicago office, Mattio focuses on helping the firm's attorneys and clients safeguard their brand assets and innovations, and identify protection needs, particularly in the automotive, beverage, cosmetics and skincare, and luxury goods industries.

An associate in the New York office, [Travis Ortiz](#) advises private investment fund clients in their formation, fundraising, portfolio investment and ongoing operational and compliance efforts. Ortiz has experience advising private equity funds, hedge funds, credit fund, real estate funds, healthcare funds and registered funds. He earned his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2018 and his B.A. in English language and literature from the University of Virginia in 2013.

Having served as in-house counsel before turning to private practice, [Emily Pearl](#), an associate in the Dallas office, focuses her practice in corporate law, including private equity, venture capital, and mergers and acquisitions. Emily has years of experience managing and processing transactions and other related matters for a variety of corporate legal departments. She earned her J.D. from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and her B.A. in English literature from the University of North Texas.

[Noelia Rodríguez-Quiñones](#), a staff attorney in the South Bend office, represents clients in employment-based petitions; she has worked on behalf of professors and researchers, as well as individuals with extraordinary ability in the areas of art, athletics and the sciences. Rodríguez-Quiñones has experience assisting individuals in a variety of family-based and humanitarian immigration matters, as well as litigating claims arising under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). She earned her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 2013 and her B.A. in psychology, Spanish and German language and literature from Carleton College in 2010.

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