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Veteran Healthcare Lawyer Joins Barnes & Thornburg In South Bend

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SOUTH BEND – Robert A. Wade, who has counseled healthcare institutions for more than 25 years, has joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP's South Bend office as a partner in the Healthcare Department.

Wade represents large health systems, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, physician groups, physicians and other medical providers on a variety of legal issues.

"We are excited to have Bob join Barnes & Thornburg, as he brings a tremendous wealth of experience," said Laura Seng, chair of the firm's healthcare department. "The healthcare industry has undergone numerous changes in recent years and will continue to evolve. Bob's addition to our healthcare team will provide clients with important counsel on critical issues they face."

Wade has wide-ranging experience with matters involving the Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute, False Claims Act, and Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act. Additionally, he counsels clients in developing, monitoring and documenting effective healthcare compliance programs. He also represents healthcare clients being investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Inspector General. Currently, he serves as Compliance Expert to the Board of Commissioners of Halifax Health, a hospital system in Daytona Beach, Florida, advising on all aspects of their Corporate Integrity Agreement.

Wade joins the firm's national healthcare group that advises all types of providers on complex regulatory issues related to Medicare and Medicaid compliance, adherence to state and federal licensure regulations, and the impact of the Affordable Care Act, among other issues.

He is a frequent speaker at national and regional healthcare legal, compliance and regulatory conferences. He has been recognized on The Best Lawyers in America and Indiana Super Lawyers lists for his work in healthcare law since 2009. He serves on the editorial advisory boards for Strategies for Health Care Compliance and for the Report on Medicare Compliance.

Wade earned his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he served as the managing editor for The Ohio State University Law Journal and was a member of the Order of the Coif and Omicron Delta Kappa. He received his bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from Bowling Green State University.

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