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### Longtime Wealth Management Attorney Joins Barnes & Thornburg's Fort Wayne Office

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**FORT WAYNE** – Charles W. Backs has joined Barnes & Thornburg's Fort Wayne office as a partner in the firm's Corporate Department, where he counsels clients on wealth management and estate planning.

Backs regularly counsels individuals and family clients, including veterans, on establishing and managing their assets and assisting with healthcare decisions. He also has experience in elder law, estate planning and administration, trust administration and veterans' benefits planning.

"We are proud to welcome Charles to Barnes & Thornburg because of the distinct skillset he brings, especially his work with veterans and their families," said Randy Brown, managing partner of the Fort Wayne office. "Many families today are wrestling with the challenges associated with planning their futures, and we are pleased to have Charles here to help our clients who may need assistance in these areas."

In addition to wealth management, Backs assists clients with Medicaid planning and healthcare decision for disabled individuals.

He has advised numerous clients in the areas of wills, revocable living trusts and the funding of those assets, asset preservation and nursing home expense planning, guardianships, powers of attorney, living wills, and the probate administration process.

Backs is an accredited attorney for the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for Veterans Affairs Benefits before the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

He is a member of the Allen County, American and Indiana State bar associations. He also is a member of the Branch County Bar Association,

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He earned his J.D. from Valparaiso University in 1996. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Indiana University in 1993.

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