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Barnes & Thornburg Casts D'Arcy Conrique As Senior Advisor For Entertainment Contracts In National Entertainment Practice

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LOS ANGELES – Barnes & Thornburg LLP has expanded its entertainment practice with the addition of D'Arcy Conrique, a 27-year veteran of the international film industry. Conrique, who comes to the firm from Akin Gump, will serve as senior advisor for entertainment contracts.

Working closely with attorneys, Conrique uses his extensive background in film production and distribution to assist clients with entertainment finance transactions in a cost-effective manner. He offers a diverse background in and complex understanding of film and television finance to his clients, specifically in the review and drafting of agreements for single-picture production loan financing and credit facility transactions.

"We are very excited about the depth of knowledge and relationships that D'Arcy brings to our entertainment team and what he can offer to clients," said Jason Karlov, chair of the Entertainment, Media and Sports Practice Group at Barnes & Thornburg. "It is yet another example of our strategic growth and the progress being made to make sure we have experienced professionals covering all the critical disciplines on behalf of our clients in the entertainment, music and sports industries."

Prior to entering private practice, Conrique was president of production and distribution of Arcadia Film Group, a production and distribution company that handled worldwide distribution and production of motion picture film properties. His industry experience includes serving as a senior sales executive at J&M Entertainment, a London-based film production and distribution company, and senior vice president of The Kushner-Locke Company, a publicly traded mini-major film studio.

"Bringing D'Arcy on board deepens our commitment to our film finance practice and our clients," said Carolyn Hunt, who heads up Barnes & Thornburg's film finance practice. "He is a well-respected and recognized industry professional and we are excited to have him on board to assist in our ability to deliver cost-effective transactions for our film and television clients."

Active in the industry, Conrique is a member of the Producers Guild of America – Diversity Committee, the National Association of Latino Independent Producers and an active participant in the Independent Film and Television Alliance.

He earned his B.A. in 1987 from California State University-Los Angeles.

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