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Barnes & Thornburg Welcomes New Attorneys

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Barnes & Thornburg has added new intellectual property and litigation attorneys to its Dallas, Indianapolis and South Bend offices.

With solid judicial clerkship experience serving under two judges in the Northern District of Indiana, [Sarah Brown](#), an associate in the South Bend office, offers her clients considerable understanding of the litigation process. Sarah drafts legal memoranda, motions and briefs, as well as in communicating with and interviewing parties and potential class members. She earned her J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2019 and her B.A. in religious studies from Appalachian State University in 2015.

An associate in the Dallas office with a focus on business and commercial disputes, [Allison Gerard](#) routinely drafts vital court documents and manages discovery for a range of state and federal cases. Gerard develops motions for summary judgment, default judgment and injunctive relief, along with writing briefs. She earned her J.D. from Tulane University School of Law in 2019 and her B.A. in English from University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2016.

[Dorothy Park](#), a staff attorney in the Indianapolis office, advises and assists clients with copyrights, trademarks, IP licensing and related transactions. Dorothy also has a solid grasp of e-commerce, data security and privacy and tax issues as they pertain to copyrighted and trademarked works, particularly within the digital music arena, which pairs well with her research skills and knowledge of the technical arts. Before turning to private practice, she spent a year with the U.S. Copyright Office in Washington, D.C., as a copyright registration specialist. She earned her J.D. from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2018 and her B.A. from The College of William and Mary.

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[Nathan Ranns](#), a staff attorney in the Indianapolis office and former trademark examining attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), assists clients with their trademark transactions because he knows what they may encounter in that process. Namely, he advises on matters concerning likelihood of confusion, ownership, use in commerce, acquired distinctiveness, descriptive or generic use, and functionality, as well as how to guide clients through trademark prosecution. He earned his J.D. from The George Washington University Law School in 2017 and his B.A. from The University of Michigan in 2014.

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