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Barnes & Thornburg Announces New Family Law Group In Minneapolis

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MINNEAPOLIS - Barnes & Thornburg LLP announced today the launch of its Family Law practice with the addition of four partners from Lindquist & Vennum in Minneapolis. The group is comprised of partners Karen Schreiber, practice chair; Sonja Trom Eayrs; Brittany Stephens Pearson; and Gloria Myre.

"We're excited to bring this group of talented attorneys to the firm," said Connie Lahn, managing partner of the Minneapolis office. "Their distinctive skillsets coupled with our family wealth and private client services offerings are a differentiating factor for us in the Minneapolis market. Adding Karen and her team to our bench allows us to have a high-quality family law group readily available to assist and advise business clients in legal matters that may involve divorce or other family issues."

The group, which is uniquely positioned to handle complex financial marriage dissolution and client matters, concentrates on all aspects of family and matrimonial law, including marriage dissolution, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, post-decree matters and child support. Their cases frequently involve tax matters, trust and estate issues, business and property valuation and other complex business issues faced by high net worth individuals.

"Barnes & Thornburg provides a platform for us to deliver exceptional client service in this sensitive area of the law," said Karen Schreiber. "The reality today is that our clients are faced with complex situations of all kinds. The firm's extensive network will provide a holistic approach to the services we offer our clients and bring strong recognition overall in the marketplace."

"Karen's group is known for being strong advocates for their clients," added Lahn. "While their first priority is resolving client issues with creative problem-solving, they are all skilled litigators in the courtroom when necessary."

About the Attorneys

Karen Schreiber has more than three decades of experience in marriage dissolutions involving complex financial issues, closely held business interests, valuation and division of executive compensation, self-employment income and tax issues, non-marital property claims, child support and spousal maintenance. Schreiber earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from the William Mitchell College of Law, now the Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and received her B.S. from the University of Minnesota. She and fellow partner Sonja Trom Eayrs have the distinction of being Fellows at

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Sonja Trom Eayrs, a family law veteran of more than 25 years, represents individuals in marital dissolution proceedings that frequently involve significant holdings, business valuation, property settlement, support issues, custody and parenting time issues, antenuptial (prenuptial) agreements, and trust and estate planning. She earned her J.D. from the Marquette University Law School, her LL.M in tax and estate planning from the University of Miami, and her B.A., *cum laude*, from Carleton College.

Brittany Stephens Pearson brings 12 years of experience and concentrates her practice on complex financial issues including executive compensation, estate planning and complex tax-related issues in the area of family law. She counsels clients on divorce, antenuptial (prenuptial) and postnuptial agreements, custody and parenting-time rights, child support, spousal maintenance, paternity, third-party custody, grandparent visitation, stepparent adoption matters and post-decree matters. Pearson earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Minnesota Law School and her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Carleton College.

Gloria Myre has been practicing family law for eight years. She represents professionals, executives and business owners in complex divorce cases, post-decree matters, and prenuptial agreements. She also represents individuals in paternity, custody, and parenting time disputes. Myre earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where she was managing editor of the University of St. Thomas Law Journal. She received her B.A from Bowdoin College.

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