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Barnes & Thornburg Makes Early Hiring Splash In 2019 Adding Three Partners In Dallas

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DALLAS – Barnes & Thornburg LLP announced today the addition of three new partners in Dallas, continuing the firm’s strategic growth plan in Texas. Those joining are litigators Randy Gordon and Tamara Baggett and corporate attorney Jenni Tausel.

“The expansion of our office in Dallas is incredibly gratifying,” said Mark Bayer, Dallas office managing partner. “Last September, we moved to the new PwC Tower at Park District to accommodate our growth, and the arrival of Randy, Tamara and Jenni is further evidence of how quickly we’ve become a destination for the region’s premier legal talent.”

With the new additions, Barnes & Thornburg’s Dallas office now has 27 attorneys, 10 of which were added in 2018.

“We’ve assembled a formidable litigation bench in Dallas since opening our doors in 2015. This year, we’re aiming to generate the same momentum in our transactional practices,” Bayer added. “I’m also delighted to be reunited with my longtime friend, Randy. He is an outstanding attorney and prolific writer.”

About the Attorneys

Randy Gordon, previously a director at Crowe & Dunlevy, has more than 25 years of experience and focuses on complex litigation with an emphasis on antitrust and RICO cases. Gordon also advises businesses on distribution plans and provides legal and economic analysis of proposed corporate transactions, and he has counseled clients across dozens of industries, including serving as general counsel of a global

trade association for the semiconductor industry. Beyond his legal work, Gordon is an Executive Professor of Law at Texas A&M University, where he holds joint appointments in History and as Special Advisor to the Dean of the School of Innovation and Vice President of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development. Gordon received his J.D. from the Washburn University School of Law; his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Kansas; his LL.M. from Columbia Law School; and holds two Ph.D.'s, one from the University of Edinburgh and one from the University of Kansas.

Tamara Baggett, previously a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, is a complex commercial litigator who handles contract disputes, construction and fiduciary litigation, internet defamation and brand protection matters, and unfair trade practice cases, as well as various real estate, intellectual property, antitrust and tort disputes. She represents owners, general contractors and specialty subcontractors in federal and state court litigation, arbitration, courts of appeals, and before regulatory and administrative agencies. Baggett received her J.D. from the Texas Tech University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, where she served as a member of the *Texas Tech Law Review* and interned for Sam A. Lindsay, District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. She also received her M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business and her B.A. from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Jenni Tausel, previously of counsel at Winstead PC, represents individual and institutional investors involved in organization, capitalization and reorganization matters. Tausel, who is also a Certified Public Accountant, advises buyers and sellers in M&A transactions and capital raising as well as lenders and borrowers in secured financing transactions. Her clients span several industries, including energy, real estate, manufacturing, and aerospace, among others. Tausel received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, where she was a Business Manager for SMU *International Law Review*. She also received her M.S. and B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Southern Methodist University.

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