

Barnes & Thornburg Adds 3 Partners To Dallas Office

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Law360 (January 15, 2019, 8:48 PM EST) -- Barnes & Thornburg LLP has announced the addition of three new partners to its Dallas office, allowing the firm to continue strengthening its corporate litigation, intellectual property, and labor and employment practices.

According to a Jan. 11 press release, Randy Gordon and Tamara Baggett will join the firm and help bolster its complex corporate litigation section, while corporate attorney Jenni Tazuel was brought on to help strengthen the transactional practice.

"We are proud to have three such talented people, and we think they're going to be very successful," Dallas office managing partner Mark Bayer told Law360.

Tazuel started at the firm on Jan. 7.

"This was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," Tazuel told Law360. "I needed a more national-based platform for my corporate practice. Being at a national law firm with an experienced set of attorneys means I can keep everything in house."

Tazuel, who was previously at Winstead PC in Dallas, said she works with clients in the energy and professional services industries and with businesses in all stages of development.

Gordon comes to Barnes & Thornburg after being a director at Crowe & Dunleavy. Bayer called Gordon "one of the smartest people I know and one of the sharpest minds I know."

Bayer said the two had worked together at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Gordon told Law360 he had a chance "to get the band back together," and that's why he wanted to make the move to Barnes.

"Bayer, Luke Wohlford, Tommy Haskins and I were the core of



Randy Gordon



Tamara Baggett



the complex litigation work at Gardere back when," Gordon said. "It's exciting to have the old group back together."



Jenni Tauzel

Gordon has more than 25 years of experience and focuses on complex litigation with an emphasis on antitrust and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act cases.

"Mark [Bayer] and I worked on a series of price-fixing class actions that were brought under antitrust and RICO theories for 15 years all over the country," Gordon said. "In recent years, I've done a lot of work for Texas A&M and I've done some mergers and acquisitions analysis, dealership issues, those kinds of things that aren't directly tied to litigation."

In addition to being an attorney, Gordon is a professor at Texas A&M and Texas A&M School of Law, splitting his time between the College Station and Fort Worth campuses.

Baggett, previously a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, told Law 360 that joining Barnes & Thornburg was a good opportunity.

"I met with a few of the partners here, and it was collegial and there was an entrepreneurial spirit in the firm," Baggett said.

Baggett is a complex commercial litigator who said she's developing a niche practice in online defamation matters. She also handles construction cases and contract disputes.

She said her first meeting with Bayer was a few months ago and she noticed something happening at the firm that was very encouraging.

"I noticed the firm was making diversity a priority, and that was important to me," she said. "It's nice to see when you look at the website and you see women and individuals of color."

Bayer said the firm is trying to grow in a steady, smart way. "We have some really great lawyers, and we have a firm culture that's democratic and transparent, and people seem to be attracted to that," he said.

Barnes and Thornburg LLP serves clients worldwide from 14 offices across the United States.

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