

Barnes & Thornburg Expands in California With Launch of San Diego Office

Barnes & Thornburg LLP has announced the opening of an office in San Diego headed by California attorney Troy Zander, who will serve as partner-in-charge. This is the firm's second location in California, following the launch of the Los Angeles office in 2011, and will be temporarily located at 501 W. Broadway, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101.

In a release, the firm said Zander is a lender-side financing attorney with a focus on life sciences and technology, and also advises clients on traditional commercial leveraged debt financings, venture debt financings and bridge loans.

"Troy brings an extensive practice that presents exciting growth opportunities for the firm in California and nationally," said Bob Grand, managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg. "Since opening our Los Angeles office seven years ago this month, we've grown our California presence to more than 50 attorneys spanning numerous practices. With establishing a San Diego office, we look forward to building on this momentum."

Barnes & Thornburg's expansion into San Diego creates its 14th office.

"Barnes & Thornburg's national platform and practice mix – combined with its low cost structure and value-based approach – presents an ideal fit for my practice, particularly within California's vibrant life sciences and tech ecosystem, and the diverse lending community that supports it," said Zander, who joins from Cooley LLP. "Barnes & Thornburg has built a solid reputation in Southern California in a relatively short period of time, and I'm excited to extend that brand into San Diego."

The San Diego office looks to grow in the areas of litigation, labor and employment, corporate, intellectual property and real estate. "This is just the latest example of Barnes & Thornburg seizing opportunities for strategic growth and making moves that coincide with the needs of clients in key markets," said David Allen, managing partner of the firm's Los Angeles office. "We're looking forward to working with Troy on expanding our presence in Southern California."

The release continues:

Zander is a member of the firm's Corporate Department, where he will focus on lender-side financing. He has wide-ranging experience with middle-market financing transactions, including traditional commercial leveraged debt financings, venture debt financings and bridge loans.

Zander has represented clients, including agents, lenders and participants in credit facilities totaling over \$50 billion. He also devotes a large portion of his practice to debt restructuring, and has managed over \$2.5 billion in federal, state and out-of-court proceedings. In addition to managing bankruptcy and out-of-court proceedings for companies, secured and unsecured creditors, committees, trustees and asset purchasers, Zander also represents lenders in forbearances, loan restructurings, amendments and modifications.

Zander earned his J.D. from the University of California San Diego School of Law and his B.A. from the University of California San Diego. He is a member of the California Bar Association, San Diego County Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association. Zander is active in the San Diego community, having served on boards for Feeding America-San Diego, The New Children's Museum and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation.

