

# **Barnes & Thornburg Continues Expansion of Intellectual Property Group in Chicago**

Darrick Hooker has joined Barnes & Thornburg's Intellectual Property Department as a partner in the Chicago office – making him the fifth partner addition in Chicago this year and the fourth in the office's Intellectual Property Department.

Hooker, a seasoned counselor and litigator, advises clients on a number of different intellectual property issues. While particularly focused on patents, his work regularly spans trade secret, trademark, copyright, and entertainment matters. Drawing on his deep transactional and litigation experience, Hooker helps clients identify and manage their global intellectual property assets in industries such as medical device, pharmaceutical, healthcare, computer software, chemicals, mechanical devices, industrial, renewable energy, utility, mechanical engineering and transportation.

As a commercial litigator, Hooker represents clients in matters involving complex cybersecurity, product liability and premises liability, along with breach of commercial agreements. In the entertainment sphere, he advises on intellectual property, licensing and other contract rights, publishing rights, rights of publicity, and branding issues.

Hooker also assists clients with risk management, internal governance, compliance, and due diligence investigations in connection with licensing transactions, mergers and acquisitions.

Hooker earned his J.D. from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and his B.S. from the University of Illinois. Outside of his legal practice, he serves on the board of directors of the Institute for Science & Education Technology, Free Spirit

Media, Firehouse Community Arts Center, and the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association.

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