

# Barnes & Thornburg Adds Life Sciences Patent Group

**Barnes & Thornburg** has announced the addition of a life sciences patent group comprised of 17 lawyers, patent agents, IP technical analysts, and paralegals. With the move, Barnes & Thornburg establishes three new offices in Raleigh, North Carolina, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nine partners, one associate, two patent agents, an IP technical analyst, and four paralegals joined Barnes & Thornburg from the boutique IP firm Brinks, Gilson & Lione. In addition to Raleigh, Ann Arbor, and Salt Lake City, a new member of the Barnes & Thornburg team will be based in Chicago. The group is led by Allen Baum, an intellectual property attorney who has been based in Raleigh-Durham for more than 20 years, and William R. Boudreaux, a leading IP attorney in Ann Arbor.

In a release, the firm said the group has experience and advanced degrees in such fields as organic chemistry, molecular biology, chemistry and biotechnology. Group members also have in-house experience with life sciences and pharmaceutical

The Raleigh office will be located at 4819 Emperor Boulevard, Suite 400, Durham, North Carolina 27703. The Ann Arbor office will be located at 2723 South State Street, Suite 150, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. The Salt Lake City office will be located at 222 S. Main Street, 5th Floor, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Allen Baum joins as partner-in-charge of the Raleigh office. He is a former president of the Licensing Executives Society (USA and Canada) and former president and chairman of the board of governors for Certified Licensing Professional (CLP).

Bashir M. Ali joins as a partner in Raleigh. He holds a Ph.D. in chemistry and has worked with companies to obtain hundreds of U.S. patents.

Eric D. Babych and Ryan Marshall join as partners in Salt Lake City.

William R. Boudreaux joins as partner in Ann Arbor and serves as attorney-in-charge of the Ann Arbor office.

Heidi A. Dare joins as a partner in Chicago.

Amy H. Fix and Mark Jenkins join as partners in Raleigh.

Aisha R. Hasan joins as an associate in Raleigh.

Joshua E. Ney joins as a partner in Ann Arbor.