

# Barnes & Thornburg Adds to Government Relations Team in Atlanta

**Barnes & Thornburg** has added Zachary Johnson in the Atlanta office as director of state government affairs-Georgia. As a member of the firm's Government Services and Finance Department, he will work closely with the growing Atlanta-based government affairs team, including Stephen Weizenecker and W. Murphy Talmadge.

In a release, the firm said Johnson, a Georgia Certified Purchasing Associate, will work with clients on government relations and public affairs issues, with an emphasis on procurement and sourcing. He will focus on helping higher education institutions and state, county and municipal governments create and implement sourcing strategies. He will also work with the firm's local government services team to provide political action committee (PAC) management strategies and legislative consulting.

Previously, Johnson served as director of government relations for the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, where he led outreach efforts to local higher education systems, local governments, enterprise agencies and the Georgia General Assembly. He was most recently vice president of government relations at McGuireWoods Consulting.

Johnson earned his B.S. in political science and government from Georgia College and State University.