

# ERISA Attorney Nicole Bogard Joins Barnes & Thornburg in Atlanta

**Barnes & Thornburg** has added Nicole Bogard as a partner in the firm's Corporate Department in the Atlanta office.

In a release, the firm said Bogard focuses on benefits, executive compensation and matters related to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). She also handles tax and benefits issues resulting from M&A transactions and has deep experience related to health benefits, including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), wellness programs and self-funded healthcare plans.

Bogard's benefits practice encompasses flexible benefits plans, severance plans, 401(k) plans and Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Associations (VEBAs). Additionally, she frequently advises clients on matters originating from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Department of Labor (DOL). Her clients span a variety of industries, including the entertainment, hospitality, retail and healthcare, among others, the firm said.

Bogard is the third partner to join Barnes & Thornburg's Atlanta office this year, following the additions of Mark Keenan and Christina Baugh in March.

Previously, Bogard was a partner at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, where she led its Atlanta office's ERISA, employee benefits, and executive compensation practice.

Bogard earned her J.D. from Marquette University Law School, cum laude, and her B.A. from the University of Michigan.

