

# Immigration Attorney Tejas Shah Joins Barnes & Thornburg in Chicago

**Barnes & Thornburg** has added Tejas Shah as a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment Department in the Chicago office. Shah is the seventh attorney to join the Chicago office this year, which just celebrated its 25th anniversary.

In a release, the firm said Shah focuses his practice on U.S. immigration law. He guides employers through the complicated process of hiring and retaining foreign national employees in temporary visa categories such as H1-B, O-1, E-2, TN and L-1, and in sponsoring employees for permanent residency. In addition, Shah counsels companies of all sizes, including emerging companies, on I-9 audits by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, compliance with DOJ regulations in the I-9 process, and H-1B audits by the Department of Labor. His work touches a number of industries, primarily the finance, banking, primary, secondary and higher education, transportation, healthcare, nonprofit, and arts sectors.

Shah also maintains an individual immigration practice with a focus on investors, family-based immigration, and helping undocumented individuals obtain lawful status. He also maintains a strong commitment to pro bono work with organizations such as the National Immigrant Justice Center and Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

Shah has served as the chair of the Illinois State Bar Association's International and Immigration Law Section and co-chair of the South Asian Bar Association of North America's immigration committee. In addition, Shah was named one of the Most Influential Minority Lawyers in Chicago by Crain's Chicago Business in 2017. He joins the firm from Franczek

P.C., where he led the immigration practice.

Shah earned his J.D. from George Washington University and his B.S. from Duke University.