

Labor Attorney Mark Keenan Joins Barnes & Thornburg in Atlanta

Barnes & Thornburg has added Mark Keenan as a partner in the firm's Labor and Employment Department in the Atlanta office.

In a release, the firm said Keenan advises management on complex workforce issues, with an emphasis on union avoidance campaigns and matters before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). His experience spans several industries, including financial services, healthcare, manufacturing and construction.

"Mark helps clients minimize the inherent risks of managing a workforce and provides comprehensive legal counsel in connection with discrimination matters, NLRB enforcement, and wage and hour issues," said Kenneth J. Yerkes, chair of Barnes & Thornburg's Labor and Employment Department. "Additionally, he has a proven track-record of engaging clients in union avoidance activities prior to the formation of an actual campaign."

Keenan's practice also encompasses non-compete and trade secrets litigation; issues related to the National Labor Relations Act; matters before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; ERISA litigation; and arbitration cases. He has guided employers through collective bargaining negotiations; traditional labor cases before federal courts of appeal; and the implementation of employee retention strategies, the release said.

Keenan is the latest addition to the firm's Atlanta office, which also just added commercial and IP litigator Christina Baugh. Previously, Keenan was a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP.

“Over his 30-year career, Mark has earned the reputation as one of the top labor attorneys in the country,” said John T.L. Koenig, Atlanta managing partner and member of the Labor and Employment Department. “We’re excited to have him aboard and look forward to his contributions as we continue to grow our presence in the Southeast.”

Keenan earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Illinois College of Law, and his B.B.A from the University of Iowa.