

Timothy Brinkley Joins Quarles & Brady's Chicago Office

Timothy A. Brinkley has joined the Chicago office of law firm of **Quarles & Brady LLP** in its Business Law Practice Group.

Brinkley focuses his practice on providing legal counsel to existing franchisor companies and companies that have an interest in franchising their business.

In a release, the firm said Brinkley drafts and updates franchise disclosure documents and handles other aspects of federal and state regulatory compliance with respect to franchising. He negotiates and prepares complex franchise transactional documents, including master franchise agreements, area development agreements, asset purchase agreements for the refranchising of company stores or buy-back of franchised locations, assistance and workout agreements with struggling franchisees, and inter-creditor agreements with national and regional banks.

Prior to joining the firm, Brinkley served as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel at Burger King Corporation and Tim Hortons USA, Inc., both a part of Restaurant Brands International. He worked for both brands after a change of corporate ownership and helped implement aggressive changes to the U.S. franchising portfolio of each, including the refranchising and transfer of hundreds of restaurants to new franchisee owners. He provided day-to-day legal counsel to the U.S. executive teams at each brand and oversaw U.S. franchising regulatory compliance.

"I look forward to bringing my in-house perspective to the outstanding Franchise and Distribution team at Quarles & Brady to better serve our clients in the Chicago region and

nationally,” says Brinkley. “The firm’s franchise expertise is well established, and I am excited to help grow this expertise and extend it to the Chicago office.”

He received his law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, his master’s degree from Southern Illinois University, and his bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University.

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