Labor & Employment Partner Frederick Schwartz Joins Barnes & Thornburg

Barnes & Thornburg has added partner **Fred Schwartz** to its Chicago office as a member of the Labor & Employment Department. Schwartz joins from Littler Mendelson, where he was a founding member of the Chicago office and once served as managing shareholder.

Schwartz is the seventh partner and 12th attorney overall to join the firm's Chicago office this year, the firm announced.

Schwartz concentrates his practice on labor and management relations and regularly handles proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board, including representation elections and unfair labor practice charges, as well as collective bargaining and arbitrations. On the other side of the coin, he regularly counsels employers that wish to maintain a union free workplace, and is engaged to perform workplace audits and training for members of management.

Schwartz counts among his clients many leading manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, healthcare providers, and construction and transportation companies, for whom he conducts management and union avoidance training and provides compliance counsel.

"When it comes to the most complex matters facing employers, Fred is among the best and is a relentless advocate on behalf of his clients," said Mark Rust, managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg's Chicago office. "He joins the firm's deep bench of labor and employment practitioners and is the latest example of our significant growth trajectory in Chicago."

He received his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School and his B.S. from Cornell University's

School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He is admitted to practice in the state of Illinois and before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois and the Eastern District of Wisconsin.