## DOWD BENNETT LLP EXPANDING TO DALLAS

## BEN A. BARNES WILL JOIN THE FIRM AS A PARTNER

Dowd Bennett is pleased to announce that Ben A. Barnes will join the Firm as a partner as it expands to Dallas, Texas.

"Ben is an excellent trial attorney and we are pleased that he is joining the Firm and helping us to expand our reach in Texas, where many of our clients have business ties," said founding partner Jim Bennett.

Barnes comes to Dowd Bennett from Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Dallas where he was a partner. His practice focuses on complex commercial disputes, with a concentration on the energy and restructuring sectors. Barnes is a native of Denver, Colorado with extensive ties to St. Louis, where he received a J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law and currently serves on its Board of Advisors. After Washington University, Ben clerked for the Honorable Raymond W. Gruender on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Barnes has been an officer in the United States Marine Corps Reserve since 2010, most recently serving as a policy analyst within the office of the Secretary of the Navy.

"I am delighted to become a part of one of the best boutique litigation firms in the country," Barnes said. "I have had the opportunity to work with several Dowd Bennett attorneys over the years and believe that my practice will align seamlessly with the lawyers and the culture of the firm. Dowd Bennett is known for achieving excellent results for its clients be it in court or at the appellate level, and I am excited to continue delivering for them."

Dowd Bennett is a firm of 41 lawyers based in St. Louis, Missouri, with offices in Boston, Denver, Chicago and now Dallas. "We are a proud St. Louis-rooted law firm, and in today's environment, it's important that Dowd Bennett have a presence in multiple cities." said founding partner Ed Dowd. "We're glad that Ben has decided to join us. He has unique experience and expertise. We look forward to growing in Texas with him."

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