

Moss & Barnett Brings a Long Heritage, Powerhouse Team to the Practice of Law in the Upper Midwest

In 1925, when Calvin Coolidge said, "The chief business of the American people is business," Moss & Barnett, founded in 1896, had already been advising American businesses for 29 years.

The facts in these cases — that America's business is business and that Moss & Barnett helps companies get and stay in business — are still evident today. Thomas J. Shroyer, president and CEO, says Moss & Barnett is a general practice firm with an emphasis on business and a particular focus on private companies. "But we also represent a number of this area's most significant public companies as well."

To say that the firm practices business law, however, is to understate the situation. Legal issues touch every corner of commerce, and Moss & Barnett has attorneys who are well versed in virtually all of them. Clients throughout the upper Midwest and the Great Plains rely on their counsel in a constellation of areas.

These practice areas include corporate law; litigation; e-commerce; employment and labor law; environmental law; family law; intellectual property practice; mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance; real estate; trusts and estates; administrative law; energy; and telecommunications.

In fact, Moss & Barnett has the leading telecommunications practice group between Chicago and Denver, Shroyer says. As an example of a success story, he mentions a wireless telephone company the firm incorporated in the 1980s. Today it provides service nationwide and is publicly traded. "We helped to birth that company as it grew



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from a glimmer in our client's entrepreneurial eye to a success story."

One of Moss & Barnett's traditional strengths is representing professionals against malpractice, negligence and similar liability claims. The firm represents top national, regional and local clients, Shroyer says.

The same is true of family practice. Moss & Barnett has one of the largest family practice groups in this area. It's also among the finest: Edward Winer, a senior shareholder, was named one of the nation's 10 best family law practitioners by *Worth* magazine.

Another area of high accomplishment is in "wealth preservation," a term Moss & Barnett coined to describe the safeguarding of resources for succeeding generations. This involves estate planning, business succession planning, and working with foundations and trusts. "We have a top-drawer practice with clients in that area, and we feel that we take it to the highest level possible," Shroyer says.

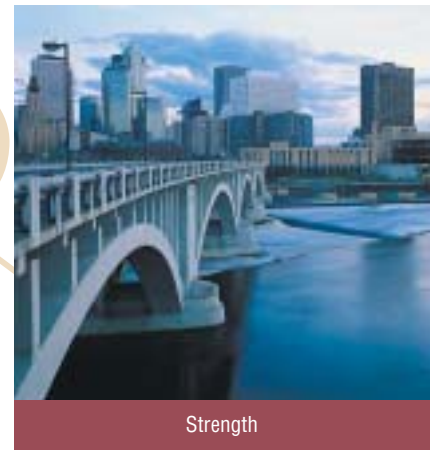
Moss & Barnett also provides *pro bono* services. In 2002, Thomas A. Keller III, a partner in the firm, received the Founder's Award from Children's HeartLink for his involvement with this organization, which works to prevent and treat heart disease in children in developing countries.

"We take our commitment to community service

very seriously," Shroyer says.

Indeed, the firm's commitment to every client, as Shroyer describes it, is reassuring. Moss & Barnett, he says, meets clients' needs in a professional manner, fairly and openly, in a business relationship based on trust and respect.

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