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## Public Law Partner Michael Barrett Interviewed by Law360

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On May 3, 2024, Public Law Partner Michael Barrett was interviewed *Law360* about his recent transition to Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP. The following is the content of that interview.

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### Longtime Napa City Atty Joins Burke Williams

By James Mills, Law360 (May 3, 2024, 4:23 PM EDT) —

Burke Williams & Sorensen LLP is expanding its public law team, announcing Friday it is bringing in the former city attorney for the City of Napa, California, as a partner in its San Rafael office in Marin County.

Michael W. Barrett, who retired as the Napa city attorney in April after 18 years in that position, has joined the Burke Williams public law practice. He advises clients about legal issues related to the administration and operations of municipal governments and public utilities.

In a Friday morning interview, Barrett told Law360 he enjoyed his time as a city attorney but is looking forward to expanding his scope beyond a single city. “This is a natural progression for me,” Barrett said. “I’ve been in the public law business providing legal service to cities in-house for a lot of years. I have been looking forward to a time when I might be able to make the move from working for one client to working for many clients throughout the state. I’m excited by that new opportunity to now work for many more clients where I’ve been focused on one client for the past 18 years.”

He’s long admired Burke Williams attorneys, having worked with many of them over the years. “I’ve built relationships with lawyers from Burke Williams and developed deep working relationships with them on many different exciting projects,” Barrett said. “I’m excited to build the connection with the lawyers in the firm even more now.”

Burke Williams’s public law practice group leader Eric S. Vail is delighted to have Barrett on the team, saying he will be an “exceptional and elite addition” to the firm’s bench of 84 municipal law attorneys who advise over 300 state agencies, cities, counties, school districts, and joint powers authorities throughout California.

