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**James R. Barnes Elected Vice Chair of the Fellows of The  
New York Bar Foundation**

Albany, NY—The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce that James R. Barnes, Esq., Burke & Casserly, P.C., Albany has been elected as Vice-Chair of the Fellows.

The Fellows of the New York Bar Foundation are distinguished members of the bench and bar who are recognized for outstanding professional achievement, dedication to the legal profession, and commitment to the organized bar.

Election to the Fellows is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the New York State Bar Association.

Barnes is a shareholder of Burke & Casserly, P.C., in which he first joined in 2005. He focuses his practice in elder law, trusts and estates, guardianship, special needs planning, business formation and succession planning, and real estate. Barnes is admitted to practice law in New York State and is also a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

Barnes is an active member of the New York State Bar Association, where he serves on the Executive Committee of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section. In addition, he is currently the chair of the association's Committee on Continuing Legal Education. He is a past chair of the association's Young Lawyers Section. He has also served on the association's Executive Committee and House of Delegates, and on several special committees and task forces.

He also serves on the board of directors of The New York Bar Foundation.

Barnes will work with Fellows Chair Emily F. Franchina, Esq.,(Franchina Law Group, LLC, Garden City) and the Fellows Judicial District Chairs from across New York State to increase the number of Fellows and support fundraising efforts for the Foundation grant program.

For more information about the Fellows visit the Foundation website at [www.tnybf.org](http://www.tnybf.org)

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