

Northwestern University Dedicates the Fred Bartlit Center for Trial Strategy

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"Named in honor of an innovative leader in litigation and business strategies, the Fred Bartlit Center for Trial Strategy was made possible by a \$2 million gift from lawyers at his firm, Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP.

"The Bartlit Center is dedicated to teaching and researching innovative and technologically advanced trial strategy. The Bartlit Center will sponsor and conduct high quality academic research on the litigation process; support teaching skills in the J. D. program; and hold an annual national conference to explore and teach innovative trial and trial management strategies.

"Bartlit's firm is widely hailed for its pioneering work in successful cost effective trial strategies, predictable and value-based billing and results-oriented litigation. According to a recent National Law Journal article on "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers," the firm "is now the nation's hottest defense boutique, with a roster of litigation stars; the attorneys at Bartlit Beck try cases all over the country, often the bet-your-company variety, with an unparalleled record of success." The article described Fred Bartlit as "personally one of the most successful corporate defense litigators ever, with a long history of big wins."

"The Bartlit Center will play a significant role in Northwestern Law's litigation process and dispute resolution program, which was identified in Northwestern Law's Strategic Plan as one of NU Law's key comparative strengths. The Bartlit Center will enhance Northwestern Law's already highly ranked program in the simulation-based teaching of trial skills - the trial advocacy program was ranked second in the country by U. S. News and World Report - and build on the research produced by the Northwestern Law faculty. It will also draw on the multiple strengths of Chicago's vibrant legal and business communities."

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