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Baker Donelson Recognizes Timothy M. Lupinacci for Commitment to Diversity and Women in the Legal Profession

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(Birmingham, Alabama / July 14, 2016) Baker Donelson has recognized Timothy M. Lupinacci with two firm-wide awards honoring his commitment to diversity and women in the legal profession.

Mr. Lupinacci was named the recipient of the 2016 Susan E. Rich Award for excellence in the promotion of and commitment to women in the legal profession and the 2016 Barry W. Ford Diversity Award for commitment to the advancement of diverse employees at the Firm.

"Tim's dedication to the advancement of women at Baker Donelson makes him incredibly deserving of the Susan E. Rich Award," said Christy Tosh Crider, chair of Baker Donelson's Women's Initiative. "During his three years as co-chair of the Women's Initiative's Pathways to Leadership Committee, he has been a tireless advocate for sponsoring women at Baker Donelson to ensure they can reach their highest potential. As chair of our Financial Institutions Group, he has led by example, consistently increasing the percentage of women in leadership positions."

Mark A. Baugh, chair of Baker Donelson's Diversity Committee, added, "Tim has taken many leadership roles in the Firm and has a deep commitment to our strength through diversity. He truly values the differences that each employee brings to the Baker Donelson team and has worked tirelessly for many years to encourage and support both diverse and non-diverse attorneys and staff at Baker Donelson."

A shareholder in Baker Donelson's Birmingham office, Mr. Lupinacci serves as chair of the Firm's Financial Institutions Group, comprised of more than 90 attorneys representing clients across a broad spectrum of the financial sector. He concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and restructuring, financial services and transactions, and health law. He represents special servicers, indenture trustees, banks, financial institutions and asset-based lenders in loan workouts and insolvency, with an emphasis on health care insolvency, restructures and workouts. Mr. Lupinacci has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* since 2005, *Alabama Super Lawyers* since 2008 and *Chambers USA* since 2009. In 2015, he was named the Birmingham Bankruptcy Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*. He is a frequent author and lecturer on creditors' rights, workouts and insolvency and is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute as well as the American, Alabama and Birmingham Bar Associations, and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.