

Baker Donelson Adds Shareholders In Orlando, Nashville

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Law360, New York (January 24, 2014, 4:27 PM ET) -- Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC has added shareholders to its product liability and business litigation practices in Nashville and Orlando, respectively, the firm announced in separate statements this week.

Samuel L. Felker joined the firm as a shareholder and member of its product liability and mass tort group in Nashville, where he will focus on commercial litigation and food safety, while James Talley joined the Orlando office as a shareholder and member of the firm's business litigation group.

Felker has 30 years of product liability trial experience, representing manufacturers in various industries including pharmaceutical, medical device, construction and consumer goods, according to Baker Donelson.

"Sam is a nationally recognized products liability attorney, and we're thrilled to have him," Scott D. Carey, managing partner of the firm's Nashville office, said in a statement. "With his multi-jurisdictional practice, his clients will benefit from our footprint that expands across the Southeast and beyond."

Felker has significant experience with litigation involving food contamination and advises clients on Food and Drug Administration compliance, recalls and regulation. He also handles insurance coverage, securities fraud, breach of contract, defamation and trade secrets litigation.

"I anticipate that my law practice at Baker Donelson will continue to include a healthy mix of product liability and significant commercial litigation," Felker said in a statement.

Felker previously practiced at Tennessee-based firm Bass Berry & Sims PLC, where he headed up the firm's product liability and mass torts practice group.

His hiring comes after a flurry of new additions to Baker Donelson's Nashville office, which has seen 14 new attorneys in the last month, bringing the office total to 99.

Most recently, the firm added Andrea Barach as a shareholder and member of its business department in Nashville. Barach had previously been with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP and has particular expertise in representing clients in the acquisition and disposition of hospitals, nursing homes, behavioral health facilities and health care companies.

Talley, who is joining the firm's business litigation group in Orlando, focuses his practice on construction-

related disputes. He is a member of the Orange County and Florida Bar Associations, as well as a former member of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, on which he served as chair from 2012 to 2013.

Talley formerly practiced at Fisher Rushmer Werrenrath Dickson Talley & Dunlap PA, where his clients included D.R. Horton Inc., Star Island Development Corp. and United Systems & Software Inc., among others.

Baker Donelson also recently added three real estate attorneys in Nashville — Matthew T. Harris, Richard L. Pensinger and Anne Marie Kempf.

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