## **Baker Donelson Expands Footprint with Move into Texas**

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC has merged with the Houston law firm of Spain Chambers, marking Baker Donelson's entry into Texas with a major step in the Firm's continuing strategic growth.

The merger of Spain Chambers into Baker Donelson brings the Firm's total number of attorneys and advisors to nearly 620 across 17 offices in six states and Washington, D.C. The firm will maintain the name of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC.

"For both Baker Donelson and Spain Chambers, the driving force behind this merger is our commitment to serving our clients," said Ben C. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baker Donelson. "Expanding into the Texas market enhances Baker Donelson's ability to serve the needs of existing clients who have substantial interests in Houston and throughout Texas. And with our already established presence in Louisiana, Texas was a logical market for growth, given its economic vitality, geographic proximity and economic connection with Louisiana. The timing and decision to move into Texas now just made sense for us, and with their strong reputation and solid experience, Spain Chambers is a great fit for our clients' needs."

Bradley E. Chambers of Spain Chambers noted the benefits the merger brings to Spain Chambers clients. "Merging with a firm with the national reputation of Baker Donelson offers our clients an expanded platform with international reach while receiving outstanding professional service. In addition to the vast resources and state-of-the-art technologies that Baker Donelson brings, we felt the firm's culture of commitment to clients, employees and community presents an excellent fit for us, as well."

Spain Chambers is a full-service law firm representing businesses throughout Texas, including Fortune 500 clients as well as entrepreneurs, privately-held companies and multinational corporations. The firm serves clients in a range of industries, including energy and oil field services, manufacturing, engineering, real estate, construction, health care and information. Its practice areas include litigation across a wide variety of industries and specializations, as well as corporate and real estate transactions, and tax and estate planning.