

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Lupinacci Named to Baker Donelson's Board of Directors

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(Birmingham, AL/December 17, 2009) Timothy M. Lupinacci, managing shareholder of the Birmingham office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, has been elected a member of the Firm's board of directors. Mr. Lupinacci was elected by Baker Donelson's shareholders to a three-year term as a member of the board.

A graduate of the Vanderbilt University Law School, Mr. Lupinacci concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and restructuring, financial services and transactions, and health law. He is a frequent author and lecturer on creditors' rights, workouts and insolvency. A member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Mr. Lupinacci is also actively involved in the American Bar Association, having held a number of leadership positions in the organization, including serving as a member of the Standing Committee on Technology and Information Services, a council member of the Section of Business Law, co-chair of the Judicial Division Bench/Bar Bankruptcy Council and chair of the Litigation Subcommittee of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the Section of Business Law. He has been recognized as a leader in his field by numerous prestigious legal publications, including *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Copyright 2009 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken S.C.) and *Alabama Super Lawyers*. In 2009, Mr. Lupinacci was named among "Birmingham's Most Influential People" by the *Birmingham Business Journal*.

"Tim is respected throughout the Firm for his leadership, vision and hard work," said Ben C. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baker Donelson. "We know he will bring to his role as board member the same commitment that he has demonstrated to his profession and his community throughout his career."