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## Baker Donelson Announces 2014 Diversity Scholarship Program Recipients

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(Memphis, TN / December 2, 2014) Baker Donelson has named the 2014 recipients of the annual Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship: Ebony Brown, Devon Daughety and Daveante Jones.

Ms. Brown, a graduate of Howard University, is in her second year at the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University and will be a summer associate in the Firm's Atlanta office.

Ms. Daughety is in her second year at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law and will be a summer associate in the Firm's Memphis office. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

Mr. Jones, who graduated from Southern Arkansas University, is in his second year at University of Arkansas School of Law and will be a summer associate in the Firm's Houston office.

The three recipients were selected from 143 applicants attending 66 law schools across the country, including Duke University School of Law, New York Law School, University of California Berkeley School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, University of Virginia School of Law and Vanderbilt University Law School.

"While recent years have seen progress, ensuring diversity in the legal profession is still a challenge," said Mark A. Baugh, chair of Baker Donelson's Diversity Committee. "The goal of this scholarship program, as well as our overall Diversity Initiative, is to provide greater opportunities to minorities and women in the legal field. We're very proud to offer a program that attracts outstanding applicants from law schools across the country and contributes to a more diverse and inclusive profession."

Established in 2008, the Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship Program awards scholarships annually to diverse law school students who have completed their first year of law school. Each recipient receives a salaried second year summer associate position in one of the Firm's 19 offices. Upon completion of the summer associate position, the Firm also awards each recipient a \$10,000 scholarship during the student's third year of law school.