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Christopher O. Davis Elected Vice President of Comité Maritime International

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(New Orleans, LA / October 10, 2013) Christopher O. Davis of Baker Donelson has been elected Vice President of the Comité Maritime International (CMI).

The CMI, formally established in 1897, is a non-governmental organization comprised of national maritime law associations with the objective to contribute by all appropriate means and activities to the unification of maritime law. Mr. Davis is the third American to be elected Vice President in the CMI's history, and previously served on the Executive Council for eight years. He was elected to this position at the organization's Assembly held in Dublin, Ireland in October and will serve a three-year term, which began October 1, 2013.

Mr. Davis is a shareholder in the New Orleans, Louisiana office of Baker Donelson and the contact for the Firm's International Arbitration Practice Group. He has represented marine, energy and insurance clients in arbitration and litigation matters for more than 30 years. Mr. Davis has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2007 in the areas of Admiralty & Maritime Law, and Transportation Law, and has also been named a *Louisiana Super Lawyer* since 2007. He has been recognized twice as a "Top Lawyer" by *New Orleans Magazine* in Maritime Law and was named to the Lawdragon 3000 in 2010.

A 1979 graduate of the Tulane University School of Law, Mr. Davis is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, where he served a three-year term on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the International Organizations, Conventions and Standards Committee for four years. He serves as an Advisory Board Member for the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal* and is on the Planning and Program Committees for the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute.