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## Baker Donelson Adds to Real Estate and Tax Practice Groups

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(Jackson, MS/August 23, 2007) The law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC announces the addition of attorneys Brett McCall and Nathan Smith to its Jackson office.

Mr. McCall, who joins the Firm as associate, concentrates his practice in commercial real estate and lending. Before joining Baker Donelson, Mr. McCall was associate Mississippi state counsel for First American Title Insurance Company, where his responsibilities included title claims litigation and underwriting. He was previously a clerk at the Mississippi Court of Appeals for the Honorable David Ishee.

Mr. Smith also joins the Firm as associate and focuses his practice on federal taxation, state and local taxation and estate planning. While at Mississippi College School of Law, he served as the Chief Executive Editor of the Law Review, and was the recipient of the West Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award and the Law Review Best Casenote Award. Prior to obtaining his LL.M. in taxation from the University of Florida, Mr. Smith was a judicial clerk at the Mississippi Court of Appeals for the Honorable Donna Barnes.

Mr. McCall and Mr. Smith are the latest in a number of recent additions to Baker Donelson's Jackson office, which has grown from 50 attorneys to more than 75 in the last year. "We plan to keep adding talented associates like Brett and Nathan so we can continue to serve our clients in Mississippi and throughout the region," said William S. Painter, managing shareholder of the Firm's Jackson office.