PRESS RELEASE

38 Baker Donelson Attorneys to be Ranked as "Leaders in Their Field" in Chambers USA 2008 Directory

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(Memphis, TN/March 4, 2008) Thirty-eight attorneys with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC will be ranked as leading practitioners in the 2008 edition of *Chambers USA*, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business. This is an increase from the 28 Firm attorneys included in the 2007 directory. *Chambers USA* is considered to be a cornerstone directory whose listings are given much weight among business leaders selecting legal counsel.

"In creating what is recognized as one of the legal industry's most prestigious listings, *Chambers* evaluates attorneys and law firms through thousands of interviews with clients and lawyers," says Ben C. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baker Donelson. "We are proud that our Firm's representation in Chambers continues to grow. It is a testament to the ability of our attorneys and the service they provide to our clients."

The Baker Donelson attorneys named to *Chambers*, along with the practice areas in which they are noted, are listed in order of the city in which they are located.

- Birmingham: H. Chervis Isom, real estate; Thomas O. Kolb, real estate; Edward P. Meyerson, litigation (construction); B.G. Minisman Jr., corporate/commercial; Charles A. Powell IV, labor and employment; and Fern H. Singer, labor and employment
- Jackson, Mississippi: Brooks Eason, labor and employment; Stephen Edds, corporate/commercial (municipal finance); Barry W. Ford, litigation; Walker W. "Bill" Jones III, litigation; William S. Mendenhall, corporate/commercial; William S. Painter, corporate/commercial; J. Randall Patterson, labor and employment; William N. Reed, litigation; David A. Rueff Jr., real estate; Daniel L. Singletary, real estate; J. Carter Thompson Jr., litigation; and W. Scott Welch, litigation
- Johnson City: Steven H. Trent, labor and employment
- Memphis: Mary L. Aronov, real estate; Leo Bearman Jr., litigation; Robert J. DelPriore, corporate/mergers & acquisitions; Robert C. Liddon Jr., real estate; and Edward R. Young, labor and employment
- Nashville: Gary M. Brown, corporate/mergers and acquisitions; Ashby Q. Burks, health care; Richard G. Cowart, health care; Steven J. Eisen, banking and finance and banking and finance (regulatory); Kenneth P. "Pete" Ezell Jr., real estate; John A. Gupton III, real estate; John S. Hicks, litigation; Randal S. Mashburn, litigation (bankruptcy); and M. Kim Vance, labor and employment
- New Orleans: Edward H. "Hank" Arnold III, energy and natural resources; Roy C. Cheatwood, litigation; William N. Norton, corporate/mergers and acquisitions; and James H. Roussel, energy and natural resources

The 2008 edition of *Chambers USA* will also recognize several of the Firm's practice areas as leading practices in individual states.

- Alabama: Corporate/commercial; labor and employment; and real estate
- Louisiana: Energy and natural resources; and litigation (general commercial)

- Mississippi: Corporate/commercial; labor and employment; litigation (general commercial); and real
- Tennessee: Banking and finance; banking and finance (regulatory); corporate/mergers and acquisitions; health care; labor and employment; litigation (general commercial); and real estate