

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Named to FORTUNE's "100 Best Companies to Work For®"

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Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC has been ranked 77th on FORTUNE's 13th annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. The law firm is the smallest company to be named to the list. The full list and related stories appear in the February 8 issue of FORTUNE, available on newsstands on Monday, January 25, and now at fortune.com/bestcompanies.

"To be named among such a select group of companies is truly an honor for Baker Donelson," said Ben Adams, the Firm's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "This recognition is a testament to the terrific people of Baker Donelson, who have built a culture of support, respect and service for each other, our clients and our communities."

FORTUNE Deputy Managing Editor Hank Gilman says, "The most important considerations for this year's list were hiring and the ways in which companies are helping their employees weather the recession. All 100 companies on our list are currently hiring, many of them aggressively, leading to more than 96,000 open job positions expected in the next year."

To pick the 100 Best Companies, FORTUNE partners with the Great Place to Work Institute to conduct the most extensive employee survey in corporate America. Two-thirds of a company's score is based on the results of the Institute's Trust Index survey, which is sent to a random sample of employees from each company. The survey asks questions related to their attitudes about the management's credibility, job satisfaction, and camaraderie. The other third of the scoring is based on the company's responses to the Institute's Culture Audit, which includes detailed questions about pay and benefit programs and a series of open-ended questions about hiring, communication, and diversity.

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