

PRESS RELEASE

Donald E. Christopher Appointed to Florida Bar Rules of Judicial Administration Committee

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(Orlando, FL/April 16, 2012) Baker Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC is pleased to announce that Donald E. Christopher has been appointed to serve as a member of the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee of The Florida Bar.

The scope and function of the Rules of Judicial Administration Committee is to originate proposed new rules, and review and re-evaluate existing rules of procedure to advance orderly and inexpensive procedures in the administration of justice. Mr. Christopher's three-year term begins on July 1, 2012.

Managing shareholder of the Firm's Orlando office, Mr. Christopher is an accomplished trial lawyer who also counsels clients on real estate and corporate transactions and planning. He served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida from 1979 to 1983, and returned twice at the request of the Department of Justice to serve as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in 1983 and 1989. His previous leadership roles in The Florida Bar include serving as Vice Chair and Chair of the Civil Procedure Rules Committee. He has also served as Vice Chair of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "E". Mr. Christopher holds an AV® Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest possible recognition for legal ability and ethical standards.