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## Baker Donelson Wins ILTA's 2012 Distinguished Peer Award for Project of the Year

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(Memphis, TN/September 18, 2012) Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC has been recognized by the International Legal Technology Association (ILTA) with a 2012 Distinguished Peer Award for outstanding achievements in the category for "Project of the Year."

ILTA's Distinguished Peer Award for Project of the Year recognizes an organization for an outstanding achievement in the implementation of a project that provides exceptional business value and uses technology in an innovative way. The award also recognizes an organization that helps educate the legal community on the innovation and actively contributes in ILTA committees and events. Baker Donelson received the award for its development of a patent pending legal project management (LPM) system, BakerManage, and for being one of the first firms in the United States to create and implement a Legal Project Management Office. Baker Donelson also shared its innovation through numerous speaking engagements in 2011, which included presentations for ILTA, the American Bar Association and the Project Management Institute.

"Baker Donelson developed BakerManage and implemented our Legal Project Management Office as part of our commitment to be good stewards of our client's resources, regardless of the fee arrangement. The selection of Baker Donelson for this award is an acknowledgment of the Firm's innovation by combining project management and technology to help attorneys be more efficient and to make the practice of law more transparent to clients throughout the life cycle of a legal engagement," said David A. Rueff, Jr., Baker Donelson's Legal Project Management Officer.

This was the third year of ILTA's Distinguished Peer Awards program, which honors the achievements of those ILTA members who are making technology work for the legal profession. The program recognizes those who have delivered great business value and transformational impact through their innovations and implementations or have been champions in specific areas of focus for their organizations. Recipients were presented their awards during the annual award ceremony on August 30 in conjunction with ILTA's annual educational conference, ILTA 2012, held in Washington, D.C.

With more than 1,400 entities and 16,000 individuals in membership, ILTA's international membership comprises firms of all sizes and all areas of practice, each sharing a common need to have access to the latest information about products and support services that impact the legal profession worldwide. For more information about ILTA, visit www.iltanet.org. More information about the Distinguished Peer Award program is available at http://awards.iltanet.org/.