

PRESS RELEASE

David Gambrell to Receive American Bar Foundation's Outstanding Service Award

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(Atlanta, GA/January 5, 2012) The law firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC is pleased to announce that David H. Gambrell, senior counsel in the Firm's Atlanta office, is being presented with the Outstanding Service Award by the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (ABF).

The Outstanding Service Award is presented annually to an ABF Fellow who has, in his or her professional career, adhered for more than 30 years to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and to the service of the public. The 2012 Fellows Awards will be presented on February 4, 2012, at the 56th Annual Fellows Awards Reception and Banquet, which is part of the American Bar Association's Midyear Meeting in New Orleans. Among the other honorees to be recognized is U. S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who will receive the Distinguished Honorary Fellow Award.

Linda A. Klein, managing shareholder of Baker Donelson's Georgia offices, said "I am so delighted that the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation will be honoring Sen. Gambrell for a lifetime of remarkable service and leadership in our profession and in government."

In 1963, Mr. Gambrell formed the Atlanta law firm of Gambrell and Stolz, which combined with Baker Donelson in 2007. His practice experience has included civil and business litigation, computer and intellectual property law, corporate, securities, real estate, international transactions, and trusts and estates. He has served as President of the Atlanta Bar Association and of the State Bar of Georgia.

After playing a leadership role in the gubernatorial election campaign of Governor Jimmy Carter in 1970, Mr. Gambrell was elected Chairman of the Democratic Party of Georgia. He was later appointed by Governor Carter to serve as United States Senator from Georgia in the 92nd Congress during 1971 and 1972, succeeding Senator Richard B. Russell after his death in January 1971. In the Senate, Mr. Gambrell served as a member of the Banking Committee, the Aeronautics and Space Committee, and the Select Committee on Small Business.

Mr. Gambrell has also served in a number of public, business and civic activities, including directorships in three publicly held corporations, the Visiting Committees of Davidson College, Harvard Law School, Emory University and the Board of Directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as Chairman of the Georgia Governor's Committee on Post-Secondary Education, Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the Education Article of the Georgia Constitution, a member on the Board of Curators of the Georgia Historical Society and as a Trustee of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia. He served for 23 years as a Director of American Software, Inc., and continues to serve as a Director and member of the Executive Committee of Buckhead Coalition, Inc., and as a Trustee of the Georgia Legal History Foundation.

An independent, nonprofit organization for more than 50 years, the American Bar Foundation is dedicated to advancing justice through rigorous research on the law, legal practices and the law's impact on society. The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation is an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty and legal scholars who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession.