

PRESS RELEASE

78 Baker Donelson Attorneys to be Ranked as "Leaders in Their Field" in Chambers USA 2012 Directory

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(Memphis, TN/March 30, 2012) Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC is pleased to announce that the 2012 edition of Chambers USA, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business, will recognize 78 Baker Donelson attorneys as leading practitioners in 26 practice areas. In addition, Chambers USA will recognize the Firm's health law practice as a leading national practice, and will name 25 of the Firm's practice areas as leading practices in individual states.

The Baker Donelson attorneys who will be included in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA will be recognized in the following practice areas:

- Antitrust: Hal K. Litchford and Keith Rounsaville
- Banking & Finance: Steven J. Eisen and Jackie Prester
- Banking & Finance (Marine Finance): Edward H. "Hank" Arnold III and James H. Roussel
- Banking & Finance (Regulatory): Steven J. Eisen
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Jan M. Hayden, Timothy M. Lupinacci and Eric Pruitt
- Construction: Linda A. Klein, David Kurtz, Mark W. Mercante, J. Ben Shapiro and Danny G. Shaw
- Corporate/Commercial: William S. Mendenhall, B.G. Minisman Jr., William S. Painter and D.J. Simonetti
- Corporate/Commercial (Gaming and Licensing): Dan M. McDaniel Jr.
- Corporate/Commercial (Municipal Finance): Jennifer R. Crowson and Stephen Edds
- Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions: William N. Norton and Michael K. Rafter
- Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions (Tax): Robert W. Nuzum
- Energy and Natural Resources (Oil & Gas): Kenneth Klemm
- Environment: Michael T. Dawkins, Gary C. Shockley, Robert M. Steele
- Gaming & Licensing: Paul S. West
- Health Care: Thomas William Baker, Ashby Q. Burks, Richard G. Cowart, Gina Greenwood, Philip McSween
- Health Care (Regulatory): Thomas E. Bartrum
- Immigration: Robert N. Johnson
- Intellectual Property: Michael J. Powell
- Labor and Employment: Phyllis G. Cancienne, Brooks Eason, David Gevertz, Steven F. Griffith Jr., Jennifer P. Keller, Timothy B. McConnell, J. Randall Patterson, William G. Somerville, Steven H. Trent, M. Kim Vance and Edward R. Young
- Litigation (Bankruptcy): E. Franklin Childress Jr.
- Litigation (Construction): Edward P. Meyerson
- Litigation (General Commercial): Leo Bearman Jr., Sheryl Bey, Roy C. Cheatwood, Nancy Scott Degan, Barry W. Ford, John S. Hicks, Walker W. "Bill" Jones III, Kent A. Lambert, William N. Reed, Gary C. Shockley, J. Carter Thompson Jr. and W. Scott Welch
- Litigation (Medical Malpractice Defense): Buckner Wellford
- Real Estate: Mary L. Aronov, Kenneth P. "Pete" Ezell Jr., John A. Gupton III, H. Chervis Isom, Denise W. Killebrew, Jon F. Chip Leyens Jr., Robert C. Liddon Jr., Murphy McMillan, William S. Mendenhall, David A. Rueff Jr. and William R. Sylvester
- Tax: Nedom A. Haley

In addition to recognizing the Firm's health law practice as a leading national practice, the 2012 edition of

Chambers USA will also recognize the following Baker Donelson practice areas as leading practices in individual states.

- Alabama: Bankruptcy/restructuring; corporate/commercial; labor and employment; and real estate
- District of Columbia: Intellectual property: patent prosecution
- Florida: Antitrust
- Georgia: Health care
- Louisiana: Construction; corporate/mergers and acquisitions; energy and natural resources; gaming and licensing; labor and employment; and litigation (general commercial)
- Mississippi: Corporate/commercial; environment; labor and employment; litigation (general commercial); and real estate
- Tennessee: Banking and finance; corporate/mergers and acquisitions; environment; health care; labor and employment; litigation (general commercial); and real estate

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