

PRESS RELEASE

156 Baker Donelson Attorneys Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2009 Listing

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(Memphis, TN/October 2, 2008) One hundred fifty-six attorneys with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2009 (copyright 2008 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC), a well-respected attorney listing that is widely regarded as a definitive guide to legal excellence.

The 156, which represents 28% of the Firm's attorneys, marks an increase from the 144 Baker Donelson lawyers included in the 2008 edition. It also continues the Firm's consistent trend of significant increases in the number of its attorneys listed in *Best Lawyers* every year. Since the list's 2006 edition, the number of Baker Donelson attorneys included in *Best Lawyers* has nearly doubled.

The Firm also continues to post impressive national rankings based on the number of attorneys named to the list. Overall, Baker Donelson is ranked 11th in the country among all law firms with attorneys included in *Best Lawyers*. The Firm also has 27 practice areas ranked among the top five in the nation, with four practice areas ranked first in the nation: Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation, Professional Malpractice Law and Transportation Law.

"Once again, Baker Donelson is proud to be so well-represented in *Best Lawyers*. These results are gratifying, not only because we continue to see an increase in the number of our attorneys included, but also because we continue to expand the number of practice areas in which the Firm receives high national rankings," said Ben C. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baker Donelson. "It's a further indication of our commitment to ensuring that our clients are served by exceptional attorneys who are recognized as among the finest in a wide range of practice areas."

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