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## Baker Donelson to be a Sponsor of PBS Series on U.S. Supreme Court

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(Memphis, TN/January 23, 2007) Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC will be a sponsor of the upcoming PBS television series, *The Supreme Court*, the first major television series to examine America's highest court. Produced by Thirteen/WNET New York, the series is scheduled to air on public television stations in two parts on January 31 and February 7 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Central time or 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Eastern time.

The four-hour series will review the Court's evolution from its establishment to the present day. Four segments will examine different periods in the Court's history and some of the Justices who were pivotal in shaping the Court's role in our country's history.

- Program One, "The Least Dangerous Branch": From the creation of the Court through the brink of the Civil War, with a focus on Chief Justice John Marshall and his successor, Roger Taney
- Program Two, "Making America Modern": The issues before the Court during the period after the Civil War and the evolution in judicial activism from Justice Stephen Field to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.
- Program Three, "By the Content of Their Character": The Court's reaction to state and federal legislation on Bill of Rights freedoms and the Warren Court as it confronted issues of race, gender and religion
- Program Four, "With Liberty and Justice for All": How the Court has undertaken to define individual rights or civil liberties in America and the Court's rise in importance, especially under the leadership of Chief Justice William Rehnquist

Baker Donelson will be a local or statewide sponsor of the series in the following markets: Birmingham, Alabama; Atlanta, Georgia; Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana; Jackson, Mississippi; Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville and Tri-Cities, Tennessee; and Washington, D.C.