

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Attorney Ben Shapiro Named Georgia Legal Services Program 2012 “Champion of Justice”

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(Atlanta, GA/October 3, 2012) Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC senior counsel Ben Shapiro has been named a "Champion of Justice" by the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP). Champions are a group of individuals selected and honored annually for their contributions as volunteer leaders in GLSP's mission of providing justice for all. Mr. Shapiro will be recognized for his many years of exceptional contributions at a ceremony on October 5.

For four decades, Mr. Shapiro has supported GLSP's work to provide access to justice for Georgians in the small towns and rural areas of the state who cannot afford to hire private counsel. Mr. Shapiro is a co-founder of GLSP, who in the 1970's served on the committee of the Younger Lawyers Section of the State Bar that studied the need for legal services in rural Georgia, which led to the founding of GLSP in 1971. His continued and generous financial support has enabled GLSP to grow and become one of the most highly regarded legal services programs in the country.

"Ben has been at the forefront of efforts to increase legal access and representation to areas that are underserved in Georgia and he is greatly deserving of this recognition," said Linda Klein, managing shareholder of Baker Donelson's Atlanta office."

The 2012 class of Champions includes both lawyers and lay people whose support of GLSP and of access to justice for low-income people all over the state has been exemplary. The Champions of Justice themselves act as ambassadors for GLSP with the Bar and/or state and federal policy makers and the public at large.