

PRESS RELEASE

173 Baker Donelson Attorneys Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2010 Listing

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(Memphis, TN/August 20, 2009) One hundred seventy-three attorneys with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2010 (copyright 2009 by Woodward/White, Inc. of Aiken, SC), a well-respected attorney listing that is widely regarded as a definitive guide to legal excellence. Baker Donelson's results this year are notable for several reasons.

- Based on the number of attorneys named to the list, Baker Donelson is ranked eighth in the country among all law firms with attorneys included in *Best Lawyers*.
- Among the firms ranked in the top 10 nationally in *Best Lawyers*, Baker Donelson has by far the highest percentage of attorneys included, with 32% of the Firm's attorneys listed in the 2010 edition of *Best Lawyers*.
- The Firm is ranked first in the nation in five practice areas: Mass Tort Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation, Product Liability Litigation, Professional Malpractice Law and Transportation Law.

"With nearly as many attorneys listed as firms that are three and four times our size and close to a third of our attorneys included in *Best Lawyers*, Baker Donelson is once again proud to be so well-represented in this prestigious listing," said Ben C. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baker Donelson. "It is a testament to the outstanding reputation of our attorneys that so many of them continue to be identified by their peers as leaders in their field."

The Best Lawyers in America is produced by Woodward/White Inc., a professional research firm in Aiken, South Carolina. First published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive annual peer-review survey. For the new U.S. edition, more than 24,126 leading attorneys cast more than 2.8 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in the same and related specialties. Because of the rigorous and transparent methodology used by *Best Lawyers*, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."