

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson's Hospitality Team Leaders Recognized for Client Service

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Baker Donelson announces that Joel R. Buckberg, Eugene J. Podesta Jr. and Sara M. Turner, co-chairs of the Firm's Hospitality Industry Service Team, have been recognized in BTI Consulting Group's 2017 Client Service All-Stars list.

The 16th annual BTI Client Service All-Stars guide is comprised of 319 attorneys who were identified for their exceptional client service by more than 300 corporate counsel and legal decision makers from organizations with \$1 billion or more in revenue. Baker Donelson was one of only 56 firms with more than one all-star attorney. Honorees are noted for being proactive in providing value-added service, demonstrating superior client focus by understanding the client's business and combining innovative thought-leadership with legal skills to deliver outstanding results.

Mr. Buckberg, a shareholder in Baker Donelson's Nashville office and chair of the Firm's Commercial Transactions & Business Counseling Practice Group, was recognized in the 2017 list by a leading hospitality company in the area of commercial transactions.

Mr. Podesta, a shareholder in the Firm's Memphis office, and **Ms. Turner**, a shareholder in the Firm's Birmingham office, were both recognized in the 2017 list by a leading hospitality company in the area of litigation.

As co-chairs of Baker Donelson's Hospitality Industry Service Team, Mr. Buckberg, Mr. Podesta and Ms. Turner oversee the group of attorneys that delivers legal services to hotels and restaurants and their suppliers, vendors and service providers, as well as franchisors, multi-unit franchisees and manufacturers.

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