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Baker Donelson Adds James W. Dyer to Government Relations and Public Policy Group

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James W. Dyer, a prominent political strategist with a wealth of experience in the White House and on Capitol Hill, has joined the Washington, D.C. office of Baker Donelson as a senior advisor in the Firm's Government Relations and Public Policy Group.

Mr. Dyer has more than 30 years of experience working with the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, including serving as clerk and staff director for ten years. During that time, he supervised a 125-person professional staff in discharging the Committee's responsibility to produce 13 annual appropriations bills. He also served as the principal committee liaison to leadership and assisted leadership staff in planning the House of Representatives agenda. Prior to his work with the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, Mr. Dyer served as the Deputy Assistant for Legislative Affairs for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, as the Principal Deputy Assistant for the U.S. Department of State, and as a budget consultant to the Secretary of the Navy.

At Baker Donelson, he will work closely with clients in government relations and international sectors, including major defense firms, smaller research consortia, and foreign policy advocates.

Sheila P. Burke, chair of Baker Donelson's [Government Relations and Public Policy Group](#), said "Having served two presidents and directed the staff of a key congressional committee, Jim brings singular experience as an analyst of legislative issues and a unique understanding of the complexities of the federal budget and appropriations process. We're thrilled to welcome him to our bipartisan team of advisors who provide our clients with long term strategic counsel based on in-depth knowledge of federal policymaking and its consequences."

In addition to his extensive public service, Mr. Dyer worked in the private sector, serving as the director of government relations for Philip Morris International and for the Power Systems Division of United Technologies Corp. He is a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and holds the distinguished public service award from the U.S. Navy.