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Corporate Counsel Name Two Baker Donelson Attorneys to BTI Client Service All-Stars 2022

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Baker Donelson attorneys Christy Tosh Crider and Sanford V. Teplitzky have been recognized as Client Service All-Stars by BTI Consulting Group, the leading provider of strategic research to the legal community.

Ms. Crider and Mr. Teplitzky were awarded the distinction of inclusion in the BTI Client Service All-Star list after being singled out by name for delivering superior client service during in-depth, independent interviews conducted by BTI with top legal decision makers.

Chair of Baker Donelson's Health Care Litigation Group and the Women's Initiative, **Ms**. **Crider** founded the Firm's Long Term Care Team and served as the leader for more than a decade. She also serves on the Firm's board of directors and is a AAA-certified arbitrator. A shareholder in the Firm's Nashville office, she concentrates her practice in health care litigation, managing the litigation of numerous health care facilities around the country, as well as serving as outside general counsel. Ms. Crider provides counsel to health care companies on quality assurance, corporate compliance, general business advice and litigation avoidance challenging survey citations, and government investigations.

Ms. Crider has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Health Care Litigation since 2018 and was named the *Best Lawyers*' 2019 Nashville Health Care Litigation "Lawyer of the Year". She is listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* as a leading Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense lawyer in Tennessee, and since 2013 has been recognized in the area of Health Care by *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, which has also recognized her among the top 50 female attorneys in the Mid-South, the top 50 attorneys in Nashville, and the top 100 attorneys in Tennessee. *Fortune* magazine named Ms. Crider as a recipient of the A Great Place to Work For All Leadership Award in 2018.

Clients described Ms. Crider's client service by saying: "Christy has a deep knowledge of the industry and varying aspects of law from regulatory to employment" and "She understands how an issue in one area may lead to an issue in another." When describing her client service philosophy, Mr. Crider said, "My team's philosophy is that we work hard to be 'yes' attorneys. When clients have goals that they want to accomplish, it is our job to find a way to help them achieve it and be a partner in that process while telling them the risks and how to mitigate them. We make hard calls and give our clients straight answers to questions instead of pros and cons with no hard recommendations. That's our job, to survey the vast landscape of ever-changing information and make the tough calls. Our clients are health care providers, they dedicate their lives to caring for people. Our job is to take care of them, and it is a privilege."

A shareholder in Baker Donelson's Baltimore office, Mr. Teplitzky is a health care regulatory attorney, with a practice focused on fraud and abuse and health care investigations. He represents large health care companies and delivery networks in identifying and resolving fraud and abuse issues and in federal and state investigations. Mr. Teplitzky has extensive experience in the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs; internal reviews and investigations; due diligence reviews for acquiring and acquired entities; voluntary disclosures; and federal and state governmental investigations arising from False Claims Act

whistleblower actions. He is recognized as one of the country's top attorneys on issues related to the federal Anti-Kickback Statute and the Stark Self-Referral Law.

Mr. Teplitzky has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Health Care Law since 1991 and has been listed in *Maryland Super Lawyers* in the area of health care since 2007. He has been ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* as a leading health care lawyer and has been recognized by *Chambers* as a "Star Individual". A Past President and inaugural Fellow of the American Health Law Association (AHLA), he was recognized in 2008 with AHLA's David J. Greenburg Award.

Corporate counsel feedback on Mr. Teplitzky included, "Mr. Teplitzky never makes us feel like we are just a revenue source" and "He actually cares about our company and advises us on business issues." Mr. Teplitzky summed up his client service philosophy, saying, "In my 45 years of practice, my approach to client service has always been very straightforward: Clients first. I understand that my singular role is to improve the lives and businesses of my clients, and I have always been committed to making that happen."

The 2022 BTI Client Service All-Stars guide is comprised of attorneys who were identified for their exceptional client service by more than 350 corporate counsel and legal decision makers at organizations ranging in size from \$700 million in revenue to the largest companies in the world. Top legal decision makers single out each BTI Client Service All-Star attorney – by name and in an unprompted manner – as delivering the absolute best client service. No attorney or firm can self-nominate, self-refer, or pay to be included in this report.