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Baker Donelson Adds Shareholder Jeffrey Yeatman to Complex Torts Group in Baltimore

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Jeffrey M. Yeatman, a litigator with extensive experience involving automotive and pharmaceutical products, has joined Baker Donelson as a shareholder in the Firm's Complex Torts Group. Mr. Yeatman joins from DLA Piper, where he was a partner.

"We are proud to have Jeffrey as a new member of our team," said Jennifer G. Cooper, chair of Baker Donelson's Complex Torts Group. "He brings a strong background in the preparation, trial, and appeal of complex civil litigation matters and offers clients a deep knowledge of the complicated technological and procedural issues so critical to class action and product liability cases."

Mr. Yeatman, who is based in the Firm's Baltimore office, marks the latest attorney to join Baker Donelson in Baltimore, where the Firm has focused on an aggressive growth strategy. Over the last year, notable hires in Baltimore in a range of practice areas have included health care regulatory attorney Robert Wells; former general counsel for Volvo Financial Services (USA) Bonnie L. Michael; energy project and infrastructure development attorney Joseph G. Tirone; trial attorney Constantine "Gus" Themelis; health care regulatory and transactional attorney Joseph Keillor; and, most recently, investment banking and finance attorney Charles Kassouf.

Jennifer L. Curry, managing shareholder of the Firm's Baltimore office, said, "We are committed to being a dynamic Baltimore law firm where entrepreneurial attorneys come to flourish as trusted advisors for our clients here in Baltimore and across the country. Jeff exemplifies the type of high-caliber attorneys we're adding, and his addition demonstrates our ability to consistently attract top legal talent in a very competitive hiring environment."

A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, Mr. Yeatman focuses his practice on the representation of domestic and international manufacturers in class action, mass tort, consumer fraud, products liability, and warranty litigation. With experience assisting numerous product manufacturers and distributors, he also represents clients in cases involving serious personal injury and death relating to allegations of product defects or malfunction, including serving in national counsel and coordinating roles. In addition, his practice includes counseling companies regarding governmental reporting obligations and compliance with various federal statutes and regulations, including the Consumer Product Safety Act.