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25 Baker Donelson Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers*® 2026 "Lawyer of the Year"

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The Baker Donelson attorneys recognized as "Lawyers of the Year" in the 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers* are:

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Best Lawyers Practice Area</u>	<u>City</u>
John B. Beard	Mergers and Acquisitions Law	Jackson
Ivy N. Cadle	Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law	Atlanta
Phyllis G. Cancienne	Litigation - Labor and Employment	Baton Rouge
Brigid M. Carpenter	Product Liability Litigation - Defendants	Nashville
Spencer Clift	Litigation - Bankruptcy	Memphis
Angie Davis	Employment Law - Management	Memphis
Bruce C. Doeg	Information Technology Law	Nashville
Amy Kebert Elder	Gaming Law	Jackson
Russell W. Gray	Litigation - Labor and Employment	Chattanooga
Gary W. Herschman	Health Care Law	Metropark (Iselin)
Cameron S. Hill Sr.	Construction Law	Chattanooga
Mary Ann Jackson	Corporate Law	Memphis
Denise W. Killebrew	Real Estate Law	Birmingham
Jon F. "Chip" Leyens Jr.	Commercial Transactions/UCC Law	New Orleans
Mark W. Mercante	Construction Law	New Orleans

Lori H. Patterson	Securities Regulation	Memphis
Laura Walker Plunkett	Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law	New Orleans
Joshua Powers	Litigation - Health Care	Chattanooga
Kristine L. Roberts	Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants	Memphis
Layna Cook Rush	Health Care Law	Baton Rouge
Jill M. Steinberg	Litigation - Health Care; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants	Memphis
Jason A. Strain	Real Estate Law	Memphis
Stacy E. Thomas	Litigation and Controversy - Tax	Jackson
Paul B. Turner	Derivatives and Futures Law	Houston
David P. Webb	Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law	Jackson

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