

Baker Donelson Adds Trade Law Pro To Global Business Team

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Law360, New York (August 29, 2013, 2:48 PM ET) -- Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC has bolstered its global business team by adding a seasoned attorney to advise companies on global trade and commerce issues, the firm announced Wednesday.

Klinton Alexander will be based in Baker Donelson's Nashville, Tenn., office, but will also work out of its locations in London and Washington, the firm said. He will continue to focus his practice on international trade issues, along with dispute resolution and general international business law.

"Klint is a talented practitioner with a wealth of knowledge pertaining to global trade and business law," said John M. Scannapieco, co-chair of Baker Donelson's global business team. "His background and proficiency in cross-border business transactions makes him an invaluable addition to our team and expands the services we can offer our clients through our London office."

Alexander pointed to Baker Donelson's expanding footprint throughout the southeastern U.S. and overseas as a prime reason for his move from Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP, where he was a partner for 12 years.

"I've always viewed Baker as a strong law firm with a much bigger footprint for global business law," Alexander told Law360. "They've been growing that area over the years and seem to be doing some wonderful things."

Alexander gained experience in the global trade sphere even before earning his law degree. As a visiting fellow in the U.S. Trade Representative's Office during the Clinton administration, he coordinated the U.S. trade policy review program before the World Trade Organization.

In that capacity, Alexander led the U.S. effort in evaluating the trade regimes of some of its largest trading partners, including the European Union, Canada and Japan. He was also a member of the U.S. negotiating team at the World Customs Organization's first meeting of technical committee on rules of origin in Brussels.

Alexander brings to the firm over a decade of experience representing companies in state and federal court litigation. He also has extensive experience practicing before various arbitration bodies including the American Arbitration Association and the International Chamber of Commerce.

Having earned his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge in England, Alexander will inject the firm with international expertise. In addition to his degrees from Cambridge, Alexander received his law degree from the University of Virginia and his bachelor's from Yale University.

He is a member of the Law Society of England and Wales and has a background in higher education, serving as a senior lecturer in law and international politics at Vanderbilt University and the University of London's Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

Baker Donelson has been adding attorneys left and right to all practice areas and Alexander is the third attorney to join the global business team this summer after the hires of associates Mary Marks and Christian Schuetz last month.

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