

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Attorneys, Practice Areas Achieve High Rankings in Chambers USA 2010 Directory

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Sixty-three attorneys from Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC have been ranked as leading practitioners in the recently released 2010 edition of *Chambers USA*, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business. Of these attorneys, 21 attorneys were included in Band 1, the top tier in *Chambers USA*.

Chambers also recognized 18 of the Firm's practice areas as leading statewide practices, with eight being ranked in Band 1. The Firm's Health Care practice was also ranked as a leading practice in the country.

Considered a cornerstone directory whose listings are given much weight among business leaders selecting legal counsel, *Chambers USA* ranks law firm practice areas and individual attorneys based on research conducted by the directory's team of researchers, including in-depth interviews with clients and attorneys.

Attorney Rankings

Band 1

Banking and Finance (Regulatory): Steven J. Eisen (Tennessee)

Banking and Finance (Marine Finance): Edward H. "Hank" Arnold III (Louisiana) and James H. Roussel (Louisiana)

Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Timothy M. Lupinacci (Alabama)

Bankruptcy Litigation: E. Franklin Childress Jr. (Tennessee) and Randal S. Mashburn (Tennessee)

Construction Litigation: Edward P. Meyerson (Alabama) and Danny Shaw (Louisiana)

Corporate/Commercial: William S. Painter (Mississippi)

Environment: Robert M. Steele (Tennessee)

Gaming and Licensing: Dan M. McDaniel Jr. (Mississippi) and Paul S. West (Louisiana)

General Commercial Litigation: Leo Bearman Jr. (Tennessee); Roy C. Cheatwood (Louisiana); Walker W. "Bill" Jones III (Mississippi); and W. Scott Welch (Mississippi)

Health Care: Richard G. Cowart (Tennessee)

Health Care (Regulatory): Thomas E. Bartrum (Tennessee)

Labor and Employment: Fern H. Singer (Alabama)

Real Estate: H. Chervis Isom (Alabama) and Robert C. Liddon Jr. (Tennessee)

Band 2

Banking and Finance: Steven J. Eisen (Tennessee)

Construction: Linda A. Klein (Georgia)

Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: William N. Norton (Louisiana)

Corporate/Commercial: William S. Mendenhall (Mississippi); B. G. Minisman Jr. (Alabama)

Corporate/Commercial (Municipal Finance): Jennifer Crowson (Mississippi) and Stephen Edds (Mississippi)

General Commercial Litigation: John S. Hicks (Tennessee); William N. Reed (Mississippi); J. Carter Thompson Jr. (Mississippi)

Health Care: Ashby Q. Burks (Tennessee)

Labor and Employment: Brooks Eason (Mississippi) and Edward R. Young (Tennessee)

Real Estate: Mary L. Aronov (Tennessee); Kenneth P. "Pete" Ezell Jr. (Tennessee); John A. Gupton III

(Tennessee); Daniel L. Singletary (Mississippi) and William R. Sylvester (Alabama)

Band 3

Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: Robert J. DelPriore (Tennessee) and Matthew S. Heiter (Tennessee)
Environment: Michael T. Dawkins (Mississippi)
General Commercial Litigation: Nancy Scott Degan (Louisiana); Barry W. Ford (Mississippi); Kent A. Lambert (Louisiana); Gary C. Shockley (Tennessee)
Health Care: Thomas William Baker (Georgia) and Donna K. Thiel (Washington, D.C.)
Immigration: Robert N. Johnson (Georgia)
Labor and Employment: Phyllis G. Cancienne (Louisiana); Steven F. Griffith Jr. (Louisiana); Jennifer P. Keller (Tennessee); J. Randall Patterson (Mississippi); William G. Somerville III (Alabama); Steven H. Trent (Tennessee); M. Kim Vance (Tennessee)
Real Estate: Denise W. Killebrew (Alabama); Thomas O. Kolb (Alabama); William S. Mendenhall (Mississippi); David A. Rueff Jr. (Mississippi)
Tax: Nedom A. Haley (Georgia)

Band 4

Intellectual Property: Michael J. Powell (Georgia)

Up and Coming

Labor and Employment: David Gevertz (Georgia)

Practice Group Rankings

Band 1

Banking and Finance: Tennessee
Corporate/Commercial: Mississippi
Health Care: Tennessee
Litigation: Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee
Real Estate: Alabama and Tennessee

Band 2

Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Alabama
Corporate/Commercial: Alabama
Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: Tennessee
Environment: Tennessee
Healthcare: National
Labor and Employment: Alabama and Tennessee
Real Estate: Mississippi

Band 3

Energy and Natural Resources: Louisiana
Labor and Employment: Mississippi

Band 4

Labor and Employment: Louisiana