

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Attorneys, Practice Areas Achieve High Rankings in Chambers USA 2011 Directory

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(Memphis, TN/June 10, 2011) Sixty-five attorneys from Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC have been ranked as leading practitioners in the recently released 2011 edition of *Chambers USA*, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business. Of these attorneys, 20 attorneys were included in Band 1, the top tier in *Chambers USA*.

Chambers also recognized 21 of the Firm's practice areas as leading statewide practices, with nine 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 (Marine Finance): Edward H. "Hank" Arnold III (Louisiana) and James H. Roussel (Louisiana)
- Banking and Finance (Regulatory): Steven J. Eisen (Tennessee)
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Timothy M. Lupinacci (Alabama)
- Bankruptcy Litigation: E. Franklin Childress Jr. (Tennessee) and Randal S. Mashburn (Tennessee)
- Construction: Danny G. Shaw (Louisiana)
- Construction Litigation: Edward P. Meyerson (Alabama)
- Corporate/Commercial: William S. Painter (Mississippi)
- Corporate/Commercial (Gaming and Licensing): Dan M. McDaniel Jr. (Mississippi)
- Gaming and Licensing: 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)
- Medical Malpractice Defense Litigation: Buckner Wellford (Tennessee)
- 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/Commercial: William S. Mendenhall (Mississippi) and B. G. Minisman Jr. (Alabama)
- Corporate/Commercial (Municipal Finance): Jennifer Crowson (Mississippi) and Stephen Edds (Mississippi)
- Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: William N. Norton (Louisiana)
- Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions (Tax): Robert W. Nuzum (Louisiana)
- Environment: Robert M. Steele (Tennessee)
- General Commercial Litigation: John S. Hicks (Tennessee) and William N. Reed (Mississippi)
- Health Care: Ashby Q. Burks (Tennessee) and Donna K. Thiel (Washington, D.C.)

- 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); Denise Killebrew (Alabama); and William R. Sylvester (Alabama)

Band 3

- Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: Robert J. DelPriore (Tennessee) and Matthew S. Heiter (Tennessee)
- Energy and Natural Resources (Oil and Gas): Kenneth Klemm (Louisiana)
- Environment: Michael T. Dawkins (Mississippi) and Adam G. Sowatzka (Georgia)
- General Commercial Litigation: Nancy Scott Degan (Louisiana); Barry W. Ford (Mississippi); Kent A. Lambert (Louisiana); Gary C. Shockley (Tennessee); and J. Carter Thompson Jr. (Mississippi)
- Health Care: Thomas William Baker (Georgia)
- 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); and M. Kim Vance (Tennessee)
- Real Estate: William S. Mendenhall (Mississippi) and David A. Rueff Jr. (Mississippi)
- Tax: Nedom A. Haley (Georgia)

Band 4

- Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: Michael K. Rafter (Georgia)
- Intellectual Property: Michael J. Powell (Georgia)
- Labor and Employment: David Gevertz (Georgia)

Up and Coming

- Health Care: Gina Greenwood (Georgia)

Practice Group Rankings

Band 1

- Banking and Finance: Tennessee (includes Regulatory)
- Construction: Louisiana
- Corporate/Commercial: Mississippi (includes Gaming and Licensing and Municipal Finance)
- Gaming and Licensing: Louisiana
- General Commercial Litigation: Louisiana and Mississippi
- Health Care: Tennessee (includes Regulatory)
- Real Estate: Alabama and Tennessee

Band 2

- Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Alabama
- Corporate/Commercial: Alabama
- Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: Tennessee
- Environment: Tennessee
- General Commercial Litigation: Tennessee (includes Bankruptcy and Medical Malpractice Defense)
- Health Care: National
- Labor and Employment: Tennessee
- Real Estate: Mississippi

Band 3

- Energy and Natural Resources: Louisiana (includes Oil and Gas)
- Health Care: Georgia
- Labor and Employment: Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi