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## **Baker Donelson's Jonathan Cole Elected President of the National Conference of Bar Presidents**

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(Nashville, TN / August 31, 2016) Jonathan Cole, a shareholder in Baker Donelson's Nashville office, has been elected President of the National Conference of Bar Presidents (NCBP). He is the first Nashville lawyer to be elected to this position.

Founded in 1950, the NCBP's goal is to provide high-quality programming and a forum for current bar leaders from across the country and abroad to exchange best practices. As President, Mr. Cole leads the Executive Council, comprised of past bar presidents, and oversees leaders from state, local and special focus bars from 53 states and territories. The NCBP hosts bi-annual conferences for members that are held in conjunction with the ABA midyear and annual meetings and provides resources to bar presidents throughout the year to strengthen their respective bar's programs and services.

Mr. Cole is a member of Baker Donelson's Financial Services Litigation Group and has significant experience representing national financial institutions, broker-dealers and businesses in a variety of cases. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. He founded and has served as the chair of the Firm's award-winning Pro Bono program and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the Tennessee Bar Foundation and the Nashville Bar Foundation.

Mr. Cole served as president of the Nashville Bar Association (NBA) in 2010, is a former chair of the ABA's Young Lawyers Division and serves as Director of the American Bar Endowment. During his tenure as President of the NBA, he produced an original program for Law Day entitled "Defending Freedom in the Nashville Sit-In Trials," which won the ABA's Outstanding Law Day Achievement Award.