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## Ashby Q. Burks Named Among Outstanding Healthcare Transaction Lawyers by *Nightingale's Healthcare News*

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(Nashville, TN/January 3, 2008) Ashby Q. Burks, of the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, has been named an Outstanding Healthcare Transaction Lawyer by *Nightingale's Healthcare News*, a newsletter for health care executives and professionals serving the health care industry. Mr. Burks is among 12 attorneys from across the country who were named to the list, which is published annually by *Nightingale's*. All 12 attorneys will be honored at an awards dinner reception held as part of the Ninth Annual Healthcare Transactions Conference in April 2008.

Mr. Burks was recognized for his recent work on health care transactions which included representing the selling stockholders in the sale of an industry-leading provider of software communication applications to the healthcare industry and other commercial markets; representing a multi-member not-for-profit corporation selling its sole acute care hospital; representing a for-profit system in forming two joint ventures with a not-for-profit hospital to operate two inpatient rehabilitation hospitals; and representing a bank in providing secured term and working capital loans to a company operating residential treatment facilities for adolescents and children.

"Ashby Burks has consistently provided exceptional counsel to numerous health care clients in a variety of transactions," said Richard G. Cowart, head of the Firm's Health Law Department. "It is gratifying for both Ashby and the Firm that *Nightingale's* has recognized him as one of the nation's best in this field."

Mr. Burks, who is of counsel in the Nashville office of Baker Donelson, engages in a broad corporate practice, emphasizing mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other business transactions. He has served as counsel in the purchase, sale or joint venture of more than 100 hospitals and other investor-owned and not-for-profit health care businesses. Mr. Burks has been named to The *Best Lawyers in America*® list (Copyright 2007 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken S.C.) in the areas of Health Care Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law.