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## Baker Donelson Achieves High Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2017

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**Eighty-one attorneys from Baker Donelson have been ranked as leading practitioners in the recently released 2017 edition of *Chambers USA*, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business. Of these attorneys, 18 attorneys were included in Band 1, the top tier in *Chambers USA*; one attorney was ranked as a "Star Individual," a ranking given to attorneys with exceptional recommendations in their field; and five attorneys also achieved a national ranking.**

Chambers also recognized 25 of the Firm's practice areas as leading statewide practices, with ten being ranked in Band 1. The Firm's health care practice was also ranked as a leading practice in the country, achieving a Band 3 ranking.

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

#### Star Individuals

- Health Care: Sanford V. Teplitzky (Nationwide and Maryland)

#### 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: Jan M. Hayden (Louisiana) and Timothy M. Lupinacci (Alabama)
- Bankruptcy Litigation: E. Franklin Childress Jr. (Tennessee)
- 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 West (Louisiana)
- General Commercial Litigation: Leo Bearman Jr. (Tennessee) and Roy C. Cheatwood (Louisiana)
- Health Care: Richard G. Cowart (Tennessee), Donna Fraiche (Louisiana), S. Craig Holden (Maryland) and Howard L. Sollins (Maryland)
- Real Estate: Kenneth P. "Pete" Ezell Jr. (Tennessee) and Denise Killebrew (Alabama)

#### Band 2

- Antitrust: Hal K. Litchford (Florida)
- Banking and Finance: Steven J. Eisen (Tennessee) and Jackie Prester (Tennessee)
- Banking and Finance (Regulatory): Jackie Prester
- Construction: Linda A. Klein (Georgia), David Kurtz (Louisiana) and Mark W. Mercante (Louisiana)
- Energy and Natural Resources (Oil and Gas): Kenneth Klemm (Louisiana)

- Environment: Gary C. Shockley (Tennessee) and Robert M. Steele (Tennessee)
- Gaming and Licensing: Paul S. West (Nationwide)
- General Commercial Litigation: John S. Hicks (Tennessee), Kent A. Lambert (Louisiana), William N. Reed (Mississippi), Gary C. Shockley (Tennessee) and J. Carter Thompson (Mississippi)
- Health Care: Ashby Q. Burks (Tennessee), S. Craig Holden, Catherine Martin, Philip S. McSween (Tennessee), John J. Miles (Washington, D.C.) and Donna Kalani Thiel (Washington, D.C.)
- Intellectual Property: Royal Craig (Maryland)
- Labor and Employment: Phyllis G. Cancienne (Louisiana), Brooks Eason (Mississippi), Steven F. Griffith Jr. (Louisiana), J. Randall Patterson (Mississippi), M. Kim Vance (Tennessee) and Edward R. Young (Tennessee)
- Medical Malpractice Defense Litigation: Jill M. Steinberg (Tennessee) and Buckner Wellford (Tennessee)
- Real Estate: Mary L. Aronov (Tennessee), John A. Gupton III (Tennessee), Matthew T. Harris (Tennessee), Jon F. "Chip" Leyens (Louisiana) and William R. Sylvester (Alabama)

### Band 3

- Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Dan Carrigan (Washington, D.C.), John McJunkin (Washington, D.C.) and Eric L. Pruitt (Alabama)
- Corporate/Commercial: B.G. Minisman Jr. (Alabama)
- Corporate/M&A: Kenneth Abel (Maryland), Tonya Mitchem Grindon (Tennessee)
- Environment: Michael T. Dawkins (Mississippi)
- Gaming and Licensing: Dan M. McDaniel Jr. (Nationwide)
- General Commercial Litigation: Nancy Scott Degan (Louisiana) and Linda A. Klein (Georgia)
- Health Care: Thomas William Baker (Georgia), Joe Campbell (Alabama), Anthea Daniels (Ohio), Julie Kass (Maryland), Errol J. King Jr. (Louisiana), John J. Miles (Nationwide) and Danielle Trostorff (Louisiana)
- Labor and Employment: Angie Davis (Tennessee) and Amelia "Mimi" Williams Koch (Louisiana)
- Real Estate: Murphy McMillan (Alabama), William S. Mendenhall (Mississippi), David A. Rueff Jr. (Mississippi) and Ginger Weaver (Mississippi)
- Tax: Nedom A. Haley (Georgia)
- White-Collar Crime and Government Investigations Litigation: Joe D. Whitley (Georgia)

### Band 4

- General Commercial Litigation: Sheryl Bey (Mississippi)
- Labor and Employment: David Gevertz (Georgia)
- Real Estate: Martha Hartley (Florida)

### Senior Statesmen

- Construction: J. Ben Shapiro (Georgia)
- Real Estate: H. Chervis Isom (Alabama)

### Up and Coming

- Energy and Natural Resources (Oil and Gas): Adam Zuckerman (Louisiana)

### Associates to Watch

- Construction: Matthew Emmons (Louisiana)

## **Practice Group Rankings**

### Band 1

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

### Band 2

- Banking and Finance: Tennessee (includes Regulatory)
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Alabama
- Corporate/Commercial: Alabama
- Energy and Natural Resources: Louisiana (includes Oil and Gas)
- Environment: Tennessee
- Health Care: Tennessee
- Labor and Employment: Louisiana and Tennessee

### Band 3

- Bankruptcy/Restructuring: Louisiana
- Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions: Louisiana and Tennessee
- Health Care: D.C. and Nationwide
- Labor and Employment: Mississippi
- Real Estate: Mississippi

### Band 4

- Corporate/M&A: Maryland