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Baker Donelson Earns Highest Number of Metro Tier 1 Rankings in 2018 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" List

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Baker Donelson has received the most Metro Tier 1 rankings of any law firm in the country in the 2018 *U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms"* list. The Firm earned 197 first-tier metropolitan rankings across 13 metropolitan markets in eight states and Washington, D.C. in the eighth edition of an annual analysis that includes more than 13,000 U.S. law firms.

In addition to its outstanding metropolitan rankings, Baker Donelson ranked nationally in 26 practice areas, including earning a Tier 1 national ranking in nine practice areas:

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Health Care Law
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Railroad Law
- Real Estate Law

The 2018 "Best Law Firms" rankings, produced by U.S. News Media Group and *Best Lawyers*®, are presented in tiers both nationally and by metropolitan area or state. These rankings showcase more than 13,000 different law firms ranked nationally in one or more of 75 legal practice areas, and in metropolitan or state rankings in one or more of 122 major legal practice areas, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings.

To determine the "Best Law Firms" rankings, U.S. News Media Group and *Best Lawyers* conducted national surveys in which major clients and leading lawyers were asked to rate the law firms they consider best in their practice area. These reputational survey responses were combined with more than 7.3 million evaluations of individual lawyers in these firms in the most recent *Best Lawyers* survey of leading lawyers.

More information about the methodology and the full list of rankings are available online at http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/.