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Baker Donelson Adds Bankruptcy Shareholder Joseph P. Briggett

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The national law firm of Baker Donelson has added bankruptcy attorney Joseph P. Briggett as shareholder in the Firm's New Orleans office.

Mr. Briggett, who focuses his practice on bankruptcy and workout law, has a diverse commercial practice that spans various areas, including bankruptcy and restructuring, creditors' rights, commercial litigation, transactions, loan documentation, and corporate law. He represents parties in pre-bankruptcy negotiations, state court insolvency proceedings, commercial foreclosures, and adversary proceedings, and he assists clients in resolving debtor/creditor disputes.

Mr. Briggett has significant experience serving maritime bankruptcy clients, having litigated shipping and offshore service insolvency matters in bankruptcy courts across the nation. These cases have involved issues such as maritime liens, personal injury claims, vessel finance, preferred ship mortgages, and other admiralty concerns. In addition to his bankruptcy background, Mr. Briggett has a wealth of litigation experience in federal and state trial courts, with ample first-chair trial experience in breach of contract, property disputes, corporate governance, breach of fiduciary duty, admiralty, and banking law.

Eric L. Pruitt, chair of Baker Donelson's Corporate Restructuring & Bankruptcy Group, said, "Joe is incredibly knowledgeable in handling complex bankruptcy scenarios, which gives him the ability to work closely with clients to develop highly tailored strategies. He shares our team's commitment to serving as trusted advisors through every stage of a matter to reach the best possible resolution for our clients. We're excited to add his skillset and talents to our practice."

Mr. Briggett is currently serving as President of the Turnaround Management Association and is recognized in Louisiana Super Lawyers in Business Litigation and in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Bankruptcy Litigation. He is a graduate of Tulane University Law School and continues to be involved with the school as president of the Tulane Law School American Inn of Court. Mr. Briggett is licensed in Florida and Louisiana.