

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Announces 16 Newly Elected Shareholders

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Baker Donelson has elected 16 new shareholders across the Firm. The new shareholders and their primary areas of practice and office locations are:

- [W. Preston Battle IV](#) (Financial Services Litigation and Compliance; Memphis, Tennessee)
- [Jason B. Bloom](#) (Complex Litigation and Class Actions; Fort Lauderdale, Florida)
- [Chelsea N. Hayes](#) (Labor & Employment; Johnson City, Tennessee)
- [Emily Olivier Kesler](#) (Government Enforcement and Investigations; New Orleans, Louisiana)
- [Stephen F. McStravick](#) (Real Estate/Finance; Knoxville, Tennessee)
- [Will Middleton](#) (Corporate; Charleston, South Carolina / Raleigh, North Carolina)
- [Jerrick D. Murrell](#) (Health Care Litigation; Memphis, Tennessee)
- [Vivien F. Peaden](#) (Corporate; Atlanta, Georgia)
- [Craig Penny](#) (Health Law; Chattanooga, Tennessee)
- [Brian C. Pike](#) (Office of General Counsel; Nashville, Tennessee)
- [Kenny L. Saffles](#) (Commercial Litigation; Nashville, Tennessee)
- [Ida Sassani](#) (Logistics, Energy and Manufacturing Litigation; Atlanta, Georgia)
- [P. Lee Smith](#) (Corporate; Washington, D.C.)
- [Iain Stauffer](#) (Health Law; Raleigh, North Carolina)
- [Hunter Threet](#) (Corporate; Nashville, Tennessee)
- [Chad M. Wilgenbusch](#) (Financial Services Transactions; Memphis, Tennessee)