

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Named Gold Standard Firm by Women in Law Empowerment Forum

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(June 25, 2015) Baker Donelson has been certified by the Women in Law Empowerment Forum (WILEF) as a Gold Standard Firm.

WILEF's Gold Standard Certification emphasizes the leadership roles achieved by equity women partners. Law firms with 300 or more practicing lawyers in the United States are eligible for the 2015 WILEF Gold Standard Certification if they successfully demonstrate that women represent a meaningful percentage of their equity partners, of their highest leadership positions, of their governance and compensation committees, and of their most highly compensated partners.

Christy Tosh Crider, chair of Baker Donelson's Women's Initiative and a shareholder in the Firm's Nashville office, said, "This certification is a recognition of Baker Donelson's commitment to creating an environment where female attorneys thrive. Women are represented at every leadership level in the Firm, from our President and Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Keller to the Firm's board of directors, office managing shareholders and practice group chairs. We're very proud to be recognized by WILEF among a select group of law firms from across the country that are focused on ensuring women are strongly represented in their leadership."

Founded in 1997, WILEF is dedicated to assisting women in law to assume leadership roles within the NLJ 250 and Fortune 1000 legal departments and within their respective communities. WILEF presents cutting edge programming that provides an educational and networking forum for women in law.