

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Achieves High Rankings in Chambers USA 2016

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(Memphis, TN / May 31, 2016) Eighty-three attorneys from Baker Donelson have been ranked as leading practitioners in the recently released 2016 edition of *Chambers USA*, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business. Of these attorneys, 20 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 two attorneys also achieved a national ranking.

Chambers also recognized 23 of the Firm's practice areas as leading statewide practices, with nine being ranked in Band 1. The Firm's health care practice was also ranked as a leading practice in the country.

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

- Construction: Danny G. Shaw (Louisiana)

Band 1

- Banking and Finance (Marine Finance): Edward H. "Hank" Arnold III (Louisiana) and James H. Rousset (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)
- Corporate/Commercial (Municipal Finance): Stephen Edds (Mississippi)
- Gaming and Licensing: Paul West (Louisiana)
- General Commercial Litigation: Leo Bearman Jr. (Tennessee), Roy C. Cheatwood (Louisiana), Wilker W. "Bill" Jones III (Mississippi) and W. Scott Welch (Mississippi)
- Health Care: Richard G. Cowart (Tennessee) and Donna Fraiche (Louisiana)
- Real Estate: Kenneth P. "Pete" Ezell Jr. (Tennessee), Denise Killebrew (Alabama) and Robert C. Liddon Jr. (Tennessee)

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)
- Corporate/Commercial (Municipal Finance): Sue Fairbank (Mississippi)
- Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions: William N. Norton (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), Philip S. McSween (Tennessee), Dickie Patterson (Louisiana) and Donna Kalani Thiel (Washington, D.C.)
- Labor and Employment: Phyllis G. Cancienne (Louisiana), Brooks Eason (Mississippi), 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) and D.J. Simonetti (Alabama)
- Corporate/M&A: Tonya Mitchem Grindon
- Energy and Natural Resources (Oil and Gas): Kenneth Klemm (Louisiana)
- 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), Anthea Daniels (Ohio), Errol J. King Jr. (Louisiana), Danielle Trostorff (Louisiana) and Ivan Wood (Texas)
- Immigration: Robert N. Johnson (Georgia)
- Labor and Employment: Angie Davis (Tennessee), Steven F. Griffith Jr. (Louisiana), Jennifer P. Keller (Tennessee) and Amelia "Mimi" Williams Koch (Louisiana)
- Real Estate: Murphy McMillan (Alabama), William S. Mendenhall (Mississippi) and David A. Rueff Jr. (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) and Barry W. Ford (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
- 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
- Environment: Mississippi
- Labor and Employment: Mississippi
- Real Estate: Mississippi