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## Baker Donelson Adds Samuel L. Felker to Product Liability Group

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(Nashville, TN / February 19, 2014) Local attorney and community leader Samuel L. Felker has joined Baker Donelson as a shareholder and a member of the Firm's Product Liability and Mass Tort Group. Mr. Felker will be based in Baker Donelson's Nashville office, where his litigation practice will include product liability and mass tort, commercial litigation and food safety.

"I am very excited to join Baker Donelson's vibrant litigation practice," said Mr. Felker, "With multiple offices and a large footprint in the Southeast, Baker Donelson has the resources and depth to handle a client's litigation needs throughout the United States, and I am pleased to be part of the team."

Mr. Felker is the latest in a surge of recent additions to Baker Donelson's Nashville office. In the last month, the Firm has announced the addition of 14 attorneys, bringing the total number of attorneys in the Nashville office to 99.

"Sam is a nationally recognized products liability attorney and we're thrilled to have him," said Scott D. Carey, managing shareholder of the Firm's Nashville office. "With his multi-jurisdictional practice, his clients will benefit from our footprint that expands across the Southeast and beyond."

Over his 30-plus year career, Mr. Felker has distinguished himself as a trial lawyer in courts and venues throughout the United States. As part of his product liability practice, Mr. Felker represents a wide variety of manufacturers in diverse industries including pharmaceutical, medical device, construction and consumer goods. His practice also includes significant litigation involving food contamination, and he advises clients regarding FDA regulation, compliance and recalls. In the area of commercial litigation, Mr. Felker has represented clients in complex litigation involving insurance coverage, securities fraud, breach of contract, theft of trade secrets, defamation and intellectual property.

"I anticipate that my law practice at Baker Donelson will continue to include a healthy mix of product liability and significant commercial litigation," added Mr. Felker.

A graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, for many years Mr. Felker has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice areas of products liability, mass tort litigation/class actions, personal injury and commercial litigation, and by *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, *Benchmark Litigation "Local Litigation Stars"* and *Lawdragon 3000 Leading Lawyers of America*. Mr. Felker has served in leadership positions in the Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations, and he is a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Felker is active in the community and serves on the Metro Nashville Board of Health, and he is the president of the Tennessee Stonewall Bar Association.

Mr. Felker previously practiced law with Bass, Berry & Sims, where he served as head of the firm's product liability and mass torts practice group and as chair of the firm's Diversity Committee. "I appreciate Baker Donelson's deep commitment to diversity in the legal profession," said Mr. Felker, "and I look forward to assisting in that important effort."