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Baker Donelson Achieves High Rankings in 2017 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" List

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Baker Donelson has garnered 170 first-tier metropolitan rankings in the 2017 *U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms"* list, the seventh edition of an annual analysis that includes more than 13,000 U.S. law firms. These Tier 1 rankings across 11 metropolitan markets in eight states earned Baker Donelson a spot among the top ten firms nationally with the most first-tier metropolitan rankings.

In addition to its outstanding metropolitan rankings, Baker Donelson ranked nationally in 24 practice areas, including earning a Tier 1 national ranking in eight practice areas:

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Employment Law – Management
- Litigation – Construction
- Litigation – Labor and Employment
- Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants
- Railroad Law
- Real Estate Law

The 2017 "Best Law Firms" rankings, produced by U.S. News Media Group and *Best Lawyers*®, are presented in tiers both nationally and by metropolitan area or state. These rankings showcase more than 13,000 different law firms ranked nationally in one or more of 74 legal practice areas, and in metropolitan or state rankings in one or more of 120 major legal practice areas, providing a comprehensive view of the U.S. legal profession that is unprecedented both in the range of firms represented and in the range of qualitative and quantitative data used to develop the rankings.

To determine the "Best Law Firms" rankings, U.S. News Media Group and *Best Lawyers* conducted national surveys in which major clients and leading lawyers were asked to rate the law firms they consider best in their practice area. These reputational survey responses were combined with more than 7.3 million evaluations of individual lawyers in these firms in the most recent *Best Lawyers* survey of leading lawyers.

More information about the methodology and the full list of rankings are available online at http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/.