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## **Baker Donelson Continues Growth of Government Enforcement and Investigations Group with Addition of White Collar Defense Team**

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**Baker Donelson continues to expand its Government Enforcement and Investigations Group with the recent addition of prominent white collar lawyer Ty Kelly. Ms. Kelly, former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland and recognized as a leading white collar defense attorney in the Baltimore-Washington area, is joining the Firm as shareholder in Baker Donelson's Baltimore and Washington, D.C. offices.**

Also joining the Government Enforcement and Investigations Group in Baltimore is Associate Alison C. Schurick.

This team joins Baker Donelson's growing Government Enforcement and Investigations Group, which has expanded in the last year with additions in Tallahassee, Florida; and Knoxville and Memphis, Tennessee. With the addition of Ms. Kelly, the practice group now includes 11 former U.S. Attorneys and Assistant U.S. Attorneys.

**Ms. Kelly** is an experienced trial lawyer representing companies and individuals in a broad range of civil, administrative, white collar criminal and tax-related matters. She has represented numerous individuals and businesses in white collar criminal investigations and indicted cases in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and other jurisdictions, and has also represented a wide array of clients in complex litigation related matters before regulators, licensing boards and the Attorney General's Office of Maryland.

Prior to private practice, Ms. Kelly served for seven years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, where she prosecuted a wide variety of white collar crime and public corruption cases and also served as the district's Election Official and the Procurement Fraud Coordinator. Prior to becoming an Assistant United States Attorney, Ms. Kelly served as a trial attorney in the Department of Justice's Criminal Division, Fraud Section, after being admitted into the prestigious Attorney General Honors Program. As a Fraud Section trial attorney, she investigated and prosecuted significant white collar criminal cases. During her tenure at the Fraud Section, she also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia trying cases in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

**Ms. Schurick** focuses her practice on representing individuals and entities threatened with or facing government action, investigation or litigation. Her practice also includes a broad range of administrative, civil and white collar criminal matters. Prior to private practice, Ms. Schurick served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Michele D. Jaklitsch of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County for two years. A graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law, Ms. Schurick practiced as a Rule 16 Attorney in the Saul Ewing Civil Advocacy Clinic and interned for Magistrate Judge Stephanie A. Gallagher of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. She also interned at the Maryland Office of the Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division, where she earned her mediation certificate.

**James E. Edwards Jr.**, managing shareholder of Baker Donelson's Baltimore office, said "Jonathan Biran and Ty Kelly are among the top white collar criminal defense attorneys in the Mid-Atlantic region. Their addition, along with Alison Schurick, to an already strong group of Government Enforcement and Investigations

attorneys in our Baltimore office gives us one of the most formidable white collar criminal and civil defense practices in the state."

**Scott L. Campbell**, managing director of Baker Donelson's Washington, D.C. office, said "We're thrilled to welcome Jonathan Biran and Ty Kelly. Their experience and reputation as leading white collar criminal defense attorneys is a strong complement to our Government Enforcement and Investigations professionals in Washington, who have a deep understanding of the regulatory bodies and governmental authorities involved in these matters. That knowledge is vital in effectively counseling clients on compliance as well as responding to investigations and enforcement actions."