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34 Baker Donelson Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers*® 2025 "Lawyers of the Year"

Each year, *Best Lawyers* designates a select group of individuals as "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant. Lawyers being honored as "Lawyer of the Year" are selected based on particularly impressive voting averages received during the exhaustive peer-review assessments that *Best Lawyers* conducts with thousands of leading lawyers each year.

The Baker Donelson attorneys recognized as "Lawyers of the Year" in the 2025 edition of *Best Lawyers* are:

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Best Lawyers Practice Area</u>	<u>City</u>
Ben C. Adams	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)	Memphis
Adam S. Baldrige	Trademark Law	Memphis
Frank C. Bonaventure Jr.	Financial Services Regulation Law	Baltimore
Scott D. Carey	Transportation Law	Nashville
Michael B. Chance	Commercial Finance Law	Memphis
Christopher J. Coats	Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law	Memphis
Barry K. Cockrell	Health Care Law	Jackson
Angie Davis	Litigation - Labor and Employment	Memphis
Michael T. Dawkins	Qui Tam Law	Jackson
Joseph R. Delgado Jr.	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)	Atlanta
Blair B. Evans	Litigation - Banking and Finance	Memphis
Kenneth P. "Pete" Ezell Jr.	Economic Development Law	Nashville
Samuel Lanier Felker	Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants	Nashville
William H.D. Fones Jr.	Tax Law	Memphis

Steven F. Griffith Jr.	Litigation - Real Estate	New Orleans
Mary Ann Jackson	Mergers and Acquisitions Law	Memphis
Joseph C. Kovars	Litigation - Construction	Baltimore
Edward D. Lanquist	Litigation - Patent	Nashville
James H. Levine	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)	Chattanooga
George T. Lewis	Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants	Memphis
Leonard C. "Len" Martin	Tax Law	Jackson
William S. Painter	Mergers and Acquisitions Law	Jackson
Lori H. Patterson	Litigation - Municipal	Memphis
Kelly M. Preteroti	Litigation - Trusts and Estates	Baltimore
J. Allen Roberts	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)	Nashville
William E. Robinson	Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law	Chattanooga
R. Culver Schmid	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)	Knoxville
Jason A. Strain	Banking and Finance Law	Memphis
Stacy E. Thomas	Nonprofit / Charities Law	Jackson
D. Jeffrey Wagner	Project Finance Law	Jackson
David P. Webb	Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)	Jackson
Buckner Wellford	Litigation - Health Care	Memphis
Steve F. Wood	Technology Law	Nashville
Steven K. Wood	Nonprofit / Charities Law	Nashville