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## 30 Baker Donelson Attorneys Named to 2026 Louisiana Super Lawyers List

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**Thirty attorneys with Baker Donelson have been named to the 2026 edition of Louisiana Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.**

The 19 Baker Donelson attorneys named to the 2026 list are:

- Jennifer L. Anderson (Employment & Labor)
- Edward H. "Hank" Arnold III (Transportation/Maritime)
- Brian Ballay (Business Litigation)
- Joseph P. Briggett (Business Litigation)
- Phyllis G. Cancienne (Employment & Labor)
- Matthew S. Chester (Criminal Defense: White Collar)
- Mark W. Frilot (Construction Litigation)
- Steven F. Griffith Jr. (Business Litigation)
- Erin Pelleteri Howser (Business Litigation)
- Benjamin West Janke (Business Litigation)
- Kenneth M. Klemm (Energy & Resources)
- Kent Lambert (Business Litigation)
- Jon F. "Chip" Leyens Jr. (Real Estate)
- Alexander M. McIntyre Jr. (Antitrust Litigation)
- Mark W. Mercante (Construction Litigation)
- Laura Walker Plunkett (Estate & Probate)
- Nicholas J. "Nick" Wehlen (Business Litigation)
- Matt Woolf (Business Litigation)
- Adam Zuckerman (Energy & Resources)

Several of the Firm's attorneys received special recognition in Louisiana Super Lawyers:

- Top 50: 2026 Louisiana Super Lawyers: Steven F. Griffith Jr., Kent Lambert, and Jon F. "Chip" Leyens Jr.
- Top 50: 2026 New Orleans Super Lawyers: Steven F. Griffith Jr., Kent Lambert, and Jon F. "Chip" Leyens Jr.
- Top 25: 2026 Women Louisiana Super Lawyers: Laura Walker Plunkett
- Top 10: 2026 Louisiana Super Lawyers: Steven F. Griffith Jr.

The publication also honored 11 Baker Donelson attorneys in its 2026 Rising Stars listing:

- Lauren Brink Adams (Business Litigation)
- Kordell Caldwell (Business Litigation)
- Laura E. Carlisle (Business Litigation)
- Jean-Luc M. Delpy (Mergers & Acquisitions)
- Max C. Hadley (Construction Litigation)
- Kristen Lewis Hayes (Construction Litigation)

- Emily Olivier Kesler (Employment & Labor)
- Elizabeth Liner (Employment Litigation: Defense)
- Alexandra Bruce "Alex" Rychlak (Business Litigation)
- William E. Wildman III (Criminal Defense: White Collar)
- Patrick H. Willis (Mergers & Acquisitions)

Super Lawyers, part of Thomson Reuters, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a patented, multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates, and peer reviews by practice area. The result is a credible, comprehensive, and diverse listing of exceptional attorneys.