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Baker Donelson Attorneys, Practice Areas Achieve High Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2009 Directory

Steven H. Trent recognized in the area of Labor & Employment

(Johnson City, TN/ June 16, 2009) The recently released 2009 edition of *Chambers USA*, a highly regarded directory of America's leading lawyers for business, has ranked six practice areas and seventeen attorneys with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC as among the leading practices and practitioners in Tennessee. *Chambers USA* named a total of 50 Baker Donelson attorneys as leading practitioners in 16 practice areas and recognized a total of 17 of the Firm's practice areas as leading practices in individual states.

Among Baker Donelson's practice areas recognized in Tennessee, the Firm's banking and finance, health care and real estate practices achieved rankings in Band 1, the top tier in *Chambers USA*. The directory also recognized the Firm's general commercial litigation and labor and employment practice areas, both of which were ranked in Band 2 of leading practices in Tennessee. The Firm's corporate/mergers and acquisitions practice area was ranked in Band 3.

In individual rankings, Steven H. Trent, former head of the Firm's Labor & Employment Department and a shareholder in the Tri-Cities office, was ranked in Band 3 in the practice area of labor and employment.

Considered a cornerstone directory whose listings are given much weight among business leaders selecting legal counsel, *Chambers USA* ranks law firm practice areas and individual attorneys based on research conducted by the directory's team of more than 50 full-time researchers, including in-depth interviews with clients and attorneys.

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