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## LCLD Fellows Program Leadership Lunch: *Caterpillar and Baker Donelson*

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Hosted by Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

Atlanta, GA

### Speakers:

Wes Blumenshine, General Counsel and Secretary of Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation and Caterpillar Insurance Holdings Inc.; Deputy General Counsel of Caterpillar Inc.

Ben C. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC



**WES BLUMENSHINE** is General Counsel and Secretary of Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation and Caterpillar Insurance Holdings Inc. in Nashville, Tennessee, and Deputy General Counsel of Caterpillar Inc. with additional responsibilities as Caterpillar's Diversity Counsel and the Caterpillar Law and Public Policy Division's Information Technology, Diversity and Inclusion, 6 Sigma, and Business Risk Management Manager. He also serves on the Steering Committee of the Caterpillar Political Action Committee and is sponsor of the Caterpillar Financial Military Support Network.

Blumenshine began his career with The Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1986. He joined Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois in 1988. During his career at Caterpillar he has held numerous positions including Asia Pacific General Counsel; Caterpillar Logistics General Counsel; Deputy General Counsel with responsibility for Litigation, Employment, Labor, and Benefits; and Assistant General Intellectual Property Counsel.

Blumenshine received his law degree *cum laude* from Northern Illinois University College of Law, his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Bradley University, and his Master's Degree with Distinction in Business Administration from the University of Manchester.

Blumenshine currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 2013-present; on the Bradley University College of Civil Engineering & Construction Advisory Board, 2007-present; and on the Board of Directors of the Martha O'Bryan Center in Nashville, Tennessee, 2011-present. His other philanthropic activities have included the Board of Directors of Easter Seals Peoria, 2004-2012; Easter Seals Peoria Campaign Co-Chairman, 2005-2006; Cabinet Member of the Lyle Finch Claybird Classic, 2004-present; Cabinet Member of the Central Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Wingshooters Classic, 2005-2012; Salvation Army Bell Ringer, 2004-2008; Multiple Sclerosis Society of Central Illinois Council, 2005-2007; Chairman of Caterpillar Financial United Way Campaign, 1996-1997; and Junior Achievement Teacher, 1989-1990.

Blumenshine and his wife of 28 years, Stacey, have three children: Wade, who is a 2L at Northern Illinois University College of Law; Paige, who is a 1L at Saint Louis University School of Law; and Drew, who is a junior at Bradley University and who also plans to attend law school.

In his free time Blumenshine enjoys friends and family, golfing, bicycling, walking, reading, and volunteering to help those in need.



**BEN C. ADAMS** has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC since October 2003. As an attorney, Adams helps his clients with estate planning and corporate law matters, with extensive experience drafting wills and trusts, working with families and closely held entities, and implementing sophisticated planning techniques. In the corporate area, Adams has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions; corporate, partnership, and limited liability company formations; shareholder agreements; and business contracts.

Adams' care for his clients extends to his involvement in the Memphis community. He devotes significant time to the betterment of the city, acting as Chairman of Memphis Tomorrow, an association of CEOs of Memphis' largest enterprises who collaborate with government and civic leaders to foster economic prosperity throughout the community. Adams also serves as Chair of the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and Immediate Past Chair of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, among other civic positions.

While Adams is always proud of the firm's recognitions in the legal arena, it's the five-time national recognition as a FORTUNE 100 Best Company to Work For, as well as the numerous top company honors in each of the firm's states, that make him particularly proud to lead Baker Donelson. Adams is honored to be a part of a firm with a recognized dedication to pro bono and community service. This "culture of caring" sets Baker Donelson apart.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- Named "Most Innovative Managing Partner" by *Law360*, 2012
- Recipient of the CEO of the Year Award by MBQ: *Inside Memphis Business*, 2013
- Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* since 2006; listed among top 50 attorneys in Memphis and among top 100 attorneys in Tennessee by *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, 2010 and 2011
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup> since 2006 in the areas of Corporate Law, Trusts and Estates, and Business Organizations; named 2013 Memphis Business Organizations "Lawyer of the Year" (including LLCs and Partnerships) and 2011 Memphis Corporate "Lawyer of the Year"
- Chair of the following organizations: the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, Memphis Tomorrow (Chair, Public Safety Committee), and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis Capital and Endowment Campaign
- Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis (Chair, 2011)
- Member of the following organizations: the Vanderbilt Law School Advisory Board; the Memphis Estate Planning Council; the Tennessee, Memphis, and American Bar Associations; and the Baker Donelson Diversity Committee
- Trustee and General Counsel of Dixon Gallery and Gardens
- Former Trustee of Memphis University School (Chair, 1997 – 2004) and Elmwood Cemetery (President, 2004 – 2006)
- Former Senior Warden of the Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal), 2003 – 2004
- Memphis University School Alumnus of the Year (2005 – 2006)
- Former President of the Phoenix Club (1989 – 1990)
- Former Chair of the Dixie Homes Boys & Girls Club (1993 – 1994) and the Memphis Area Legal Services 2007 Access to Justice Campaign
- Managing Partner of the Firm (June 1993 – April 1998)
- Fellow of the Memphis Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation
- Named to *Business Tennessee* magazine's "Best 150 Lawyers 2007" in the area of corporate law; named to "Best 101 Lawyers in Tennessee" in 2004 and 2005 editions in corporate law
- Leadership Memphis, Class of 1990

### Admissions

Tennessee

### Education

Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D., Order of the Coif, *Vanderbilt Law Review*  
University of North Carolina, B.A. in Economics, Phi Beta Kappa