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## Well-known Energy Lawyer William Baker Joins Day Pitney

Day Pitney LLP is pleased to announce that William T. Baker, Jr., has joined the firm as Of Counsel in its Energy and Utility Law department. He will reside in the firm's New York office.

"Widely recognized as one of the deans of the energy and utility bar, Bill will be a tremendous asset to the firm as we seek to identify new opportunities for growth," said Gerald Garfield, chair of Day Pitney's Energy and Utility Law department. "His industry knowledge is particularly impressive, which will be extremely beneficial to our clients."

Baker is nationally known as a leading energy and natural resources lawyer. He has been recognized as such for the past several years in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers*. Baker advises energy and public utility clients on corporate matters, such as financing, restructuring and corporate governance. He also works on regulatory and policy issues.

Baker was most recently Senior Counsel in a large international law firm. Prior to that, he was a partner at Thelen LLP and its predecessor, Reid & Priest LLP, where he concentrated on energy and utility corporate, regulatory and policy concerns. He served in leadership positions at both firms, including chair of Reid & Priest and its executive committee during the late 1980s and early 1990s. He was chair of Thelen's Energy Policy and Regulatory group from the early 1990s until the firm's dissolution in 2008.

"Day Pitney's energy and corporate groups are comprised of some of the top lawyers in their fields," said Baker. "On matters ranging from capital markets and other corporate transactions to regulation as well as tax, litigation and real estate, they serve as powerful advocates for their clients. I am delighted to be joining the firm and look forward to working alongside many talented individuals whom I have known for years."

Baker is a former chairman of the Edison Electric Institute Legal Committee, which includes general counsel of all U.S. electric companies. He received a J.D. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and a B.A. degree, *cum laude*, from Yale University.

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