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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Rated As Top 2009 Business Litigation
Firm By Benchmark Litigation**
Firm Named "Highly Recommended"; 16 Lawyers Honored

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (August 24, 2009) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 16 of the firm's attorneys have been recognized as leaders in their field by *Benchmark Litigation*, the definitive guide to America's leading business litigation firms and attorneys. Additionally, in the jurisdictions of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, *Benchmark Litigation* rates the firm as "highly recommended," the publication's highest possible distinction.

"We are honored and pleased to have so many of our attorneys receive this honor, especially given that the selections are made by our clients and by our peers in the legal industry," said John B. Grenier, Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings' Chairman. "This recognition is a testament to the skill and professionalism of all of our business litigators."

Each firm highlighted by *Benchmark Litigation* was consistently mentioned by its peers and clients, but the "highly recommended" firms received the most mentions, and were held as dominant in their particular jurisdiction. The list of "Local Litigation Stars" for each state reflects those individuals who were consistently recommended as indisputable stars by clients and peers. Those named from Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings include:

Local State Stars in Alabama:

Julia Boaz Cooper
James W. Gewin
David G. Hymer
Michael D. McKibben
Hobart A. McWhorter, Jr.
Kenneth M. Perry

Local State Stars in Mississippi:

Roy D. Campbell III
W. Wayne Drinkwater, Jr.
Stephen L. Thomas

Local State Stars in Tennessee:

J. Greer Cummings
Samuel D. Lipshie
Patricia Head Moskal
Robert S. Patterson
Thor Y. Urness

The list of "Future Stars" for each state reflects those partners and associates who were consistently recommended by peer partners, competitors and clients as litigators who are likely to appear as "Local Litigation Stars" in coming additions of *Benchmark Litigation*. Those named from Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings include:

Future Stars

Tripp Haston (Alabama)
Margaret Oertling Cupples (Mississippi)

About Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP has more than 360 attorneys in seven offices, and is one of the largest law firms in the Southeast. The firm maintains offices in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Montgomery, Alabama; Jackson, Mississippi; Charlotte, North Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; and Washington, D.C.

The firm's lawyers serve clients locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, and provide services across a wide range of industries, including accounting, automotive, banking and finance, biotechnology, construction, education, emerging business, energy, entertainment, equipment leasing, forest products, government contracts, health care, hospitality, insurance, manufacturing, materials and aggregate production, media and communications, mining, municipal and public finance, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, public utilities, real estate, retail, steel, technology, telecommunications, textiles, transportation, and venture capital.

No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers.