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Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Announces Addition of 13 Associates

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (October 29, 2009) – Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce the addition of 13 associates who will be joining firm across five office locations.

Joining the firm in its Birmingham, Ala. office are:

Laura Catherine Ashburner, who joins the firm's Corporate practice group. Ashburner earned her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Auburn University in 2006. She earned her J.D., *cum laude*, in 2009 from Cumberland School of Law, where she served as writing editor for the law review.

Kane Burnette, who joins the firm's Public Finance practice group. Burnette received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama, *summa cum laude*, in 2002. He received a Masters of Accountancy from the University of Alabama in 2003, and earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2009, where he was a Hugo Black Scholar and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Jonathan C. Cobb, who joins the firm's Litigation and Construction practice groups. Cobb earned a Bachelor of Accounting degree, *summa cum laude*, from Mississippi State University in 2005, and graduated *magna cum laude* in 2009 from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he served as the Membership Director for the *Mississippi Law Journal*.

Anna Manasco Dionne, who joins the Appellate Litigation and Litigation practice groups. Dionne received her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, in 2002, and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Oxford in 2008. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she was an Executive Editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review* and won two prizes in the Morris Tyler Moot Court Finals.

Jessica Jones, who joins the Litigation, Financial Services and Banking, and Real Estate practice groups. She received her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Samford University in 2006. Ms. Jones earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Cumberland School of Law, where she was an Associate Editor for the *Cumberland Law Review*, a member of the National Mock Trial Team, and a Caruthers Fellow.

Charles A. Roberts, Jr., who joins the firm's Corporate and Securities practice group. He received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Clemson University, in 2005, and earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2009.

William Carlos Spaht, who joins the General Litigation and Appellate Litigation practice groups. In 2005 Spaht earned his undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Washington and Lee University. He earned his J.D. in 2008 from Vanderbilt Law School, where he served as the Executive Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Joining the firm in its Nashville, Tenn. office are:

Heather K. Iverson, who joins the firm's Real Estate practice group. She earned her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Lee University in 2004. Iverson graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 2009, where she was elected to Order of the Coif.

E. Warner Jones, Jr., who joins the firm's Corporate team. He earned his undergraduate degree in 2005 from Vanderbilt University. Jones received his law degree from the Vanderbilt University Law School in 2009.

Jessica J. Thomas, who joins firm's Litigation practice group. She received her B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Alabama in 2002. She earned her law degree in 2009 from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in 2009, where she served as president of the Student Bar Association, Community Service Director of the Black Law Students Association, and staff member of the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*.

Joining the firm in its Jackson, Miss. office are:

Jeremy Clay, who joins the firm's Litigation practice group. He received his undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Mississippi St. University, and earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Mississippi College School of Law in 2009.

Joining the firm in its Huntsville, Ala. office is:

W. Justin Hendrix, who joins the firm's Corporate and Securities practice group. He received a B.S. in economics, *summa cum laude*, from Auburn University in 2006. He earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2009.

Joining the firm in its Charlotte, NC office is:

Avery Simmons, who joins the firm's Litigation practice group. She received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill in 2000. Simmons earned her J.D.

in 2009 from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law, where she served as editor-in-chief of the *Catholic University Law Review*.

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult 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.