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Leader Spotlight

This week, DRI's leader spotlight shines on **Hope Thai Cannon**. Ms. Cannon is a partner in the Birmingham, Alabama, office of **Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP** in the firm's litigation practice group. Her practice area focuses on a variety of complex litigation matters ranging from business and commercial litigation to personal injury and product liability to breach of employment contracts. She has represented clients in both federal and state courts, where she has successfully argued before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and Alabama Supreme Court. Ms. Cannon is also an active member of the firm's pro bono group and is currently lead counsel on a habeas corpus appeal for a defendant serving a death sentence.



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Ms. Cannon's DRI experience is just as extensive. She is active in the Commercial Litigation Committee and holds leadership positions in the Product Liability Committee and the newly formed Women in the Law Committee, as well as the Young Lawyers Committee. Ms. Cannon is currently working with those committees on women's mentoring and networking initiatives. She has authored articles for DRI publications and has served as a speaker at several DRI programs.

Ms. Cannon earned her undergraduate degree from the University of South Alabama and her Juris Doctorate at the University of Alabama School of Law where she was a Hugo Black Scholar and served as senior editor for the *Alabama Law Review*. She is admitted to the U.S. District Courts of Middle District of Alabama, Northern District of Alabama and Southern District of Alabama.

In addition to her DRI affiliations, Ms. Cannon is also involved in her community. She is an active member of the Birmingham Bar Association, a volunteer cook at a local shelter, and a past member of the United Way's Visiting Allocation Team. Ms. Cannon is currently serving a three-year term on her city's Board of Zoning Adjustments.

When Ms. Cannon is not working at the office or her volunteer activities, she serves as a freelance writer for an Asian-American journal, loves to island hop and can regularly be found on the baseball field serving as little league team mom and chasing after her five young boys.

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