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**144 Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2011**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL (August 4, 2010)** – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 144 of the firm’s attorneys have been named to the 2011 edition of *Best Lawyers®*, a well-respected peer-reviewed publication. Six more Bradley Arant attorneys appear in this year’s *Best Lawyers* than last year. In addition, 92 of the firm’s attorneys were listed by *Best Lawyers* in Alabama, more than any other firm in the state. Bradley Arant also had the most attorneys listed of any firm in both Birmingham (77) and Nashville (40).

“Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings has a great tradition of providing excellent legal advice and representation to our clients,” said firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “It is an honor to be so highly regarded by our peers and we do not take the recognition for granted.”

Below is a summary of the firm’s *Best Lawyers* rankings this year, organized by office.

**Birmingham, AL**

*Best Lawyers* listed 77 Bradley Arant attorneys from the Birmingham office in this year’s publication, the most of any firm in the city. The firm was also top-listed for its work in 29 practice areas, including bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, construction law, corporate law, mass tort litigation, M&A, real estate, securities, and tax.

Please see the attached for a full list of all Birmingham attorneys listed in this year’s *Best Lawyers*.

### **Nashville, TN**

*Best Lawyers* listed 40 attorneys from the firm's Nashville office in the 2011 edition. In addition, the firm was top-listed for its work in six practice areas: antitrust, employee benefits, energy, equipment finance, municipal law, and real estate.

Please see the attached for a full list of all Nashville attorneys listed in this year's *Best Lawyers*.

### **Huntsville, AL**

Nine attorneys from the firm's Huntsville office were listed in *Best Lawyers 2011*: Hall B. Bryant III, Frank M. Caprio, S. Revelle Gwyn, E. Cutter Hughes, Scott E. Ludwig, Kimberly B. Martin, Scott Burnett Smith, and H. Harold Stephens. In addition, the firm was top-listed for 14 practice areas, including biotechnology law, corporate law, first amendment, private equity, M&A, and venture capital.

### **Montgomery, AL**

Six of the firm's attorneys in the Montgomery office were named to *Best Lawyers 2011*: Philip H. Butler, Wendell Cauley, W. Stanley Gregory, William C. McGowin, Charles A. Stewart III, and Robert D. Thorington. The firm was also top-listed for two practice areas: administrative law and public finance law.

### **Jackson, MS**

*Best Lawyers* named nine attorneys from the Bradley Arant Jackson, Miss. office in the 2011 edition: Roy D. Campbell III, David W. Clark, Margaret Oertling Cupples, W. Wayne Drinkwater, Jr., J. William Manuel, J. Douglas Minor, Jr., William R. Purdy, Stephen L. Thomas, and Stephen M. Wilson. In addition, the firm was top-listed for two practice areas: bet-the-company litigation and commercial litigation.

### **Charlotte, NC**

*Best Lawyers* listed James C. Smith in its 2011 guide, recognizing him for his work in commercial litigation.

### **Washington, DC**

*Best Lawyers* recognized Washington attorneys Douglas L. Patin and Stephen R. Spivack for their work in construction law and white-collar criminal defense, respectively.

### ***About Best Lawyers in America 2011***

First published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* is based on an exhaustive annual peer-review survey. For the new U.S. edition, more than 50% of the lawyers listed in *Best Lawyers* cast more than 3.1 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in the same and related specialties.

Because of the rigorous and transparent methodology used by *Best Lawyers*, and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. *Corporate Counsel* magazine has called *Best Lawyers* “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

### **About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP**

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has more than 380 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, life sciences, construction, education, emerging business, energy, entertainment, equipment leasing, forest products, government contracts, health care, life sciences, 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.