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Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Ranks Prominently in Annual Benchmark Litigation Survey

Named a Highly Recommended Firm in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi; Secures
Rankings for 19 Attorneys as Leading Litigators

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (September 16, 2010) – Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce it has again ranked prominently in the annual *Benchmark Litigation* survey of leading inhouse counsel and private practice lawyers by the Legal Media Group, a division of *Institutional Investor* publisher Euromoney. The firm was singled out as "highly-recommended" in Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi – the highest designation given in the ranking. In addition, 19 of the firm's attorneys were listed in the survey as either Litigation Stars or Future Stars, meaning they were mentioned consistently as reputable and effective litigators by clients and peers.

"This is an honor for the firm and we are pleased to have received such significant recognition in this prominent ranking," said firm Chairman Beau Grenier. "There is no greater measure of a firm's success than the respect of clients and peers, and we are gratified to see our commitment to excellence reflected in the survey."

Below is a list of the Bradley Arant Boult Cummings attorneys recognized in *Benchmark Litigation* 2010, organized by state.

Alabama

In Alabama, the following attorneys were named Litigation Stars: James Gewin, Paul Bolus, Philip Butler, Tripp Haston, David Hymer, Joseph Mays, Michael McKibben, and Hobart McWhorter. In addition, Michael Pennington and Kenneth Perry were named Future Stars.

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Tennessee

In Tennessee, **JG Cummings**, **Patricia Moskal**, **Robert Patterson**, and **Thor Urness** were named Litigation Stars.

Mississippi

In Mississippi, W. Wayne Drinkwater Jr., Roy D Campbell III, and Stephen L Thomas were named Litigation Stars. In addition, Margaret Cupples was named a Future Star.

About Benchmark Litigation

Benchmark Litigation is the definitive guide to America's leading firms and attorneys, and the only publication on the market to focus exclusively on litigation in the U.S. Its researchers conduct extensive face-to-face interviews over a year-long period in order to get the most accurate feedback about the market. Recommendations come only as a result of (1) evidence of outstanding case successes in the last year; and (2) consistently positive feedback from peers and clients. Benchmark is the tool for in-house counsel seeking an individual expert in a particular field, a national powerhouse with exceptional bench strength, or a local leader in an unfamiliar jurisdiction. For more information, please visit www.benchmarklitigation.com.

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.