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**Twelve Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorneys Named “Lawyers of the Year”
by Best Lawyers**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (October 22, 2010) – Twelve attorneys from Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP have been named to the 2011 “Lawyer of the Year” list by Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected publisher of attorney rankings. In developing this prestigious list, Best Lawyers focused on high-profile practice areas in cities with large legal communities. Only one lawyer in each city received the designation of “Lawyer of the Year” for a particular high-profile practice area.

The Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings attorneys named 2011 Lawyers of the Year are:

Birmingham

Kay K. Bains (Banking)
James W. Childs, Jr. (Venture Capital)
Denson N. Franklin, III (Mergers & Acquisitions)
Harold B. Kushner (Corporate)
Thad G. Long (Antitrust)
John K. Molen (Corporate Governance and Compliance)
E. Mabry Rogers (Construction)

Nashville

Joseph W. Gibbs (Tax)
Gordon Earle Nichols (Employee Benefits)

Montgomery

Robert D. Thorington (Corporate)

Jackson

W. Wayne Drinkwater, Jr. (Appellate)

Stephen L. Thomas (Bet-the-Company Litigation)

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting annual exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The 2011 edition of The Best Lawyers in America is based on more than 3.1 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers. The lawyers being honored as “Lawyers of the Year” received noteworthy ratings in this year’s surveys that demonstrate a high level of respect from their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

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.