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**Real Estate Attorney Rod Clement Joins
Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings as a Partner in Jackson Office**

JACKSON, Miss. (December 7, 2010) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that W. Rodney Clement, Jr., one of Mississippi's most prominent real estate attorneys, has joined the firm's Jackson office as a partner. Clement will serve in the firm's Real Estate and Real Estate Finance practice groups. He was previously a partner with Brunini, Grantham, Grower and Hewes in Jackson.

Clement's practice focuses on commercial real estate and secured transactions. His clients include leading commercial developers, as well as borrowers, lenders and title insurers. Clement has advised on some of the state's most important real estate projects, including the development of the King Edward Hotel into a mixed use hotel, apartment and retail building, and the development of the Standard Life Building into a mixed use apartment and retail complex. His other recent projects include financing construction of power plants; purchasing of telecommunications systems; financing development of natural resources, including coal and off-shore mineral interests; sale-leasebacks; and foreclosures of shopping centers and apartment complexes.

"We are happy to welcome an attorney of Rod's stature and prominence to Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings," said Margaret Oertling Cupples, Managing Partner of the firm's Jackson office. "Many of us have worked closely with Rod through the years, and we know the talent and commitment he brings to his work. He is a key figure in Mississippi's real estate sector and his addition to the firm will significantly benefit our clients."

"Joining Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings is a natural fit for the scope and direction of my practice," said Clement. "In addition to being well-respected in Mississippi, the firm is a leader in the Southeast and

provides a strong regional footprint to support my work. I am very much looking forward to being a part of this impressive firm.”

Widely regarded as one of Mississippi’s best real estate attorneys, Clement is ranked in Band 1, the highest possible category, by *Chambers USA* and has been listed in *Best Lawyers* in real estate and land use for more than 15 years. *Best Lawyers* named him Real Estate Lawyer of the Year for Jackson, Mississippi for 2011. He is the only lawyer selected in Mississippi in the real estate category. He is a member of the Board of Governors and Chair of the Leasing Committee of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and a member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. He also recently served as ABA representative to the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Real Property Acts and vice-chair of the Real Estate Finance Group of the ABA’s Real Property, Trusts and Estates Section. Clement holds a J.D. from Washington & Lee Law School and a B.A. from Millsaps College.

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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.