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**DCH Cancer Center Names Room after Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Partner Deane K. Corliss**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (May 17, 2011)** – The new DCH Cancer Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala. will name an exam room in honor of Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP partner Deane K. Corliss. Ms. Corliss, who was a longtime supporter of the DCH Cancer Center and served as its outside legal counsel for many years, passed away November 7, 2010 after a lengthy battle with bladder cancer. Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings has pledged a donation of \$35,000 over five years to the DCH Foundation's Cancer Center Capital Campaign in support of the Deane Corliss Room.

"Deane was a brilliant and creative thinker, a supportive and committed colleague, and an outstanding lawyer," said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. "Her contribution to our firm was immense and we miss her tremendously. We are happy to contribute to the DCH Cancer Center, an organization that meant so much to Deane both personally and professionally, and see her honored in this way."

Ms. Corliss represented DCH for many years and worked on many important projects, including the acquisition of Northport Medical Center in 1992. She represented DCH in a host of regulatory matters, including EMTALA, HIPAA and CMS issues. Ms. Corliss also coordinated Bradley Arant's representation of DCH in tax, intellectual property, litigation and real estate matters.

"Because of her vast knowledge of the regulatory climate at the state and federal levels, it gave me great comfort to know that she was standing by us," DCH General Counsel Janet Teer said. "In addition, she loved DCH, and she often expressed how proud she was to be part of the DCH family. The Deane Corliss Room will serve as a permanent testament to her dedication to DCH, and a memorial to those of us who knew her and now miss her."

Ms. Corliss worked as a practicing nurse before becoming a lawyer, joining Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings in 1989. In her legal career, she represented virtually all types of health care providers, from the smallest physician practices to some of the largest hospital systems in Alabama and in the nation.

Having brought first-hand knowledge of the health care culture to the practice of law she endeavored to also bring the same caring attention to her clients, and her partners, as she had so successfully brought to her students and patients as a nurse. Ms. Corliss was instrumental in drafting Alabama's Natural Death Act, and advised many providers over the years regarding their policies in dealing with end of life decisions. She shared her expertise in this area as a member of the UAB Palliative Care Center Advisory Board, and served on the VSA Alabama Board of Directors. Ms. Corliss held a B.S.N. from Duke University, an M.S. in nursing education from The Ohio State University, and a J.D. (*summa cum laude*) from Cumberland School of Law.

### **About DCH Cancer Center**

The first DCH Cancer Center opened in 1986. In April 2009, DCH opened a new cancer center that offers the most advanced equipment available in a facility designed for patient comfort and convenience. Located next to the Phelps Outpatient Center at DCH Regional Medical Center, DCH Cancer Center offers radiation therapy, chemotherapy, an outpatient lab and a pharmacy under one roof. The center also provides services that address each patient's emotional well-being, including an art gallery, a coffee shop, a patient boutique with certified fitters for prosthetics, the Belcher Chapel, a family resource center and a wellness room.

In 2009, The DCH Cancer Center received a three-year approval with commendation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, the highest level of approval given by the organization. In November 2010, the DCH Cancer Center affiliated with the MD Anderson Physicians Network, a supporting organization of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

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