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**Intellectual Property and Emerging Business Attorney J. Mark Bledsoe
Joins Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings in Nashville**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (May 10, 2011) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that J. Mark Bledsoe, a leading intellectual property and corporate law attorney, has joined the firm’s Nashville office as a partner. Bledsoe previously was a shareholder at Lanier Ford Shaver & Payne P.C. in Huntsville, Ala. Bledsoe is the fourth prominent lateral partner to join the firm since December of last year.

“We welcome Mark to our firm and are pleased to grow our team with the addition of another accomplished IP and corporate attorney,” said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “Mark is highly regarded for his IP and patent experience as well as his dedication to advising clients on all aspects of emerging business matters.”

Bledsoe said, “Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings has an outstanding reputation in the practice of intellectual property law and I look forward to relocating to Nashville to further expand the firm’s IP capabilities. Joining the firm provides an opportunity to grow my practice in corporate, tax and IP law by servicing the firm’s clients that are part of this city’s emerging business community.”

Bledsoe focuses his practice on all aspects of IP law and advising emerging businesses. He assists clients with the formation and operation of limited liability companies, partnerships, joint ventures and corporations, and advises companies about sales contracts; license, publishing and employment agreements; and other sophisticated tax-advantaged business arrangements. Bledsoe’s work has involved the technologies of wireless sensor networks, biomedical instruments and implants, dietary formulations, and cell culture systems, among others. He holds a J.D. and an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Alabama School of Law and a B.S. in biomedical engineering from Mississippi State University. He also has completed master’s level course work in analytical chemistry.

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