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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorneys and Practice Areas  
Prominently Ranked in Chambers USA 2011**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (June 10, 2011)** – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 63 of its attorneys and several practice areas throughout the firm’s offices received high rankings in the 2011 edition of *Chambers USA – America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*. Many of the firm’s attorneys are annually recognized as leaders in their practice areas by the prestigious, independent-research-based directory widely used by firms for referral purposes.

Below is a summary of the firm’s Chambers rankings this year, organized by state.

**Alabama**

Chambers ranked Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings as one of the top firms in the state for **Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate/Commercial, Litigation: General Commercial**, and **Real Estate**. The firm also received high recognition for its **Labor & Employment** practice.

Chambers also ranked the following attorneys in this year’s guide: **Kay K. Bains** (Banking & Finance, Real Estate), **Charles A. J. Beavers, Jr.** (Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use), **Jay R. Bender** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring), **Beau Byrd** (Real Estate), **James W. Childs, Jr.** (Corporate/Commercial), **Paul Compton** (Banking & Finance, Banking & Finance: Mainly Regulatory), **Patrick Darby** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring), **J. David Dresher** (Banking & Finance; Real Estate), **Denson N. Franklin, III** (Corporate/Commercial), **James W. Gewin** (Litigation: General Commercial), **Chris N. Glenos** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring), **Beau Grenier** (Corporate/Commercial), **John W. Hargrove** (Labor & Employment), **Tripp Haston** (Litigation: General Commercial), **Harold B. Kushner** (Corporate/Commercial), **Hobart A. McWhorter, Jr.** (Litigation: General Commercial), **T. Matthew Miller** (Labor & Employment), **John K. Molen** (Corporate/Commercial), **Stephen R. Monk** (Real

Estate), **John H. Morrow** (Litigation: General Commercial), **Michael R. Pennington** (Litigation: General Commercial), **E. Mabry Rogers** (Litigation: Construction), **Dawn Helms Sharff** (Banking & Finance), **Laurence D. Vinson, Jr.** (Banking & Finance: Mainly Regulatory), **Paul S. Ware** (Corporate/Commercial), and **Alan K. Zeigler** (Banking & Finance: Public Finance).

### **District of Columbia**

Chambers ranked Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as a leading firm in Washington for its **Construction** practice.

Chambers also singled out attorneys **Douglas L. Patin** (Construction) and **Robert J. Symon** (Construction) for their leading work in the practice area.

### **Mississippi**

Chambers named Bradley Arant Boult Cummings a top firm in the state for its **Litigation: General Commercial** work.

Attorneys who received Chambers rankings for their individual work were: **Kelly Blackwood** (Environment), **Roy D. Campbell, III** (Litigation: General Commercial), **W. Rodney Clement** (Real Estate), **W. Wayne Drinkwater** (Litigation: General Commercial, Litigation: Construction), **J. William Manuel** (Litigation: General Commercial), **J. Douglas Minor, Jr.** (Litigation: General Commercial), **William R. Purdy** (Litigation: Construction, Litigation: General Commercial), **Stephen L. Thomas** (Litigation: General Commercial), and **Stephen M. Wilson** (Corporate/Commercial).

### **Tennessee**

Chambers ranked Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as one of the state's top firms for **Banking & Finance, Healthcare, and Real Estate**. It also recognized the firm's **Corporate/M&A, Labor & Employment, and Litigation: General Commercial** practices.

Chambers ranked the following attorneys for their work in the state: **Stephen T. Braun** (Healthcare), **Kevin B. Campbell** (Healthcare), **Ann Peldo Cargile** (Real Estate), **Doug Franck** (Corporate/M&A),

**Jay Hardcastle** (Healthcare, Healthcare: Regulatory), **John R. Haynes** (Real Estate), **E. Berry Holt** (Healthcare, Healthcare: Regulatory), **Roger G. Jones** (Litigation: Bankruptcy), **Samuel D. Lipshie** (Media & Entertainment), **Matthew C. Lonergan** (Labor & Employment), **Russell B. Morgan** (Litigation: General Commercial), **John E. Murdock, III** (Banking & Finance), **James L. Murphy III** (Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use), **Andrew J. Murray** (Healthcare), **John W. Myers, II** (Banking & Finance), **William L. Norton, III** (Litigation: Bankruptcy), **Craig Oliver** (Labor & Employment), **Robert S. Patterson** (Litigation: General Commercial), **David A. Rutter** (Real Estate), **Charles S. Sanger** (Banking & Finance), **John W. Titus** (Corporate/M&A), **J. Thomas Trent, Jr.** (Real Estate), **Thor Y. Urness** (Litigation: General Commercial), **Richard F. Warren** (Real Estate), and **Robert E. Wood** (Real Estate).

Introduced in 2003, the annual *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* ranks leading U.S. firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas according to their reputations among peers and clients. Published by London-based Chambers and Partners, the USA Guide is read by industry-leading companies and organizations throughout the United States.

### **About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP**

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has more than 370 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.