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Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Attorney Katie Suttle Weinert Appointed to City of Birmingham's Young Professionals United

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Oct. 20, 2011) – Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Katie Suttle Weinert, an attorney in the firm's Birmingham office, has been appointed to the 2011-2012 class of the City of Birmingham's Young Professionals United initiative.

Young Professionals United is a leadership development program for accomplished young professionals with the common goal of seeing Birmingham become a better place to live, work and play. The program seeks to develop a network of current and future community leaders who embrace the city and its opportunities, engage in the process of making the city even better, and empower themselves and others to make a difference in Birmingham.

Participation is by invitation only and is limited to individuals aged 21-45 who either live, work or play within Birmingham's city limits. Throughout their class year, program participants meet with Birmingham Mayor William A. Bell, Sr., to discuss issues that affect the growth and development of the city. Participants also meet with members of the mayor's staff as well as other prominent government officials, business owners and citizens.

"We are proud of Katie's dedication to community service as well as her outstanding legal work on behalf of our clients," said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. "We encourage all of our associates to invest in their communities not only to help improve the quality of life for residents but also to enhance their business knowledge and skill sets."

In her law practice, Weinert handles business disputes for plaintiffs and defendants and represents manufacturers and companies in personal injury, products liability and other consumer claims.

Weinert's other community involvements include the VSA Arts of Alabama, Leadership UAB Class of 2010, United Way Young Leaders Society and Visiting Allocation Team Member, and WBHM Friends Advisory Board. She also is a member of the Women Lawyers Section Board of the Birmingham Bar Association and is co-chair of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee's Young Lawyers' Subcommittee of the Birmingham Bar Association's Women Lawyers Section.

Prior to earning her J.D., *cum laude*, from Washington & Lee University School of Law, Weinert was a regional director of the American Heart Association in Huntsville, Ala. She earned a Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, from Kenyon College and also studied at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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