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**Thirteen Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorneys  
Named 2012 Lawyers of the Year by Best Lawyers**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Oct. 6, 2011)** – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 13 of the firm’s attorneys have been singled out by *Best Lawyers* as Lawyers of the Year for 2012 in their respective practice areas. Only one lawyer in each specialty area in a particular legal community is honored as a Lawyer of the Year.

Overall, 153 Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings attorneys are included in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, one of the most highly regarded referral publications in the legal profession. Attorneys are selected for *Best Lawyers* through a detailed peer-review survey that targets more than 39,000 leading lawyers for their opinions on other lawyers’ abilities. Lawyer of the Year honorees received particularly high survey ratings and accolades from their peers for their abilities, professionalism and integrity.

“We congratulate our Lawyers of the Year on the exceptional level of praise that they received from their peers, as well as all of the firm’s attorneys who earned a place on Best Lawyers’ highly respected list for 2012,” said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “Their hard work and dedication to their clients is truly reflective of the high quality of legal talent at our firm.”

Attorneys in the firm’s **Birmingham** office who are recognized by *Best Lawyers* as the 2012 Lawyers of the Year in Birmingham in their respective practice areas are: **Kay K. Bains** (Real Estate Law), **Michael S. Denniston** (Antitrust Law), **L. Susan Doss** (Banking and Finance Law), **Beau Grenier** (Mergers & Acquisitions Law), **John K. Molen** (Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law) and **Paul S. Ware** (Corporate Governance Law).

In the firm's **Jackson** office, **W. Wayne Drinkwater** (Bet-the-Company Litigation) has been named a 2012 Lawyer of the Year.

Attorneys in the firm's **Nashville** office who are recognized by *Best Lawyers* as the city's top attorneys for 2012 in their respective practice areas are: **E. Berry Holt** (Health Care Law), **John E. Murdock III** (Banking and Finance Law), **Jim Murphy** (Litigation – Land Use & Zoning), **William L. Norton III** (Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law), **Henry M. Walker** (Energy Law) and **Robert E. Wood** (Real Estate Law).

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

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has approximately 400 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.