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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Again Places in the Top 10 Nationally
in *U.S. News – Best Lawyers Law Firm Ranking***

Among Firms with Highest Number of Top-Tier Practice Group Rankings

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Nov. 1, 2011) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that the firm has again placed in the top 10 in the 2011-2012 *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* list of U.S. law firms with the highest number of top-tier practice group rankings. The firm also was ranked in the top 10 nationally last year when the list was published for the first time.

U.S. News – Best Lawyers ranks U.S. law firms based on client and lawyer evaluations, peer review from leading attorneys in their respective practice areas and information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. Clients' feedback addresses the practice groups' expertise, responsiveness, understanding of a client's business and needs, cost-effectiveness, civility, and whether a client would refer another client to the firm.

“We are proud to be ranked so prominently for the second consecutive year by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* as among the elite law firms in the country,” said firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “This recognition reflects our firm's influence and outstanding reputation in the legal market. The consistently positive feedback that Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings received from our clients for this ranking confirms that we are exceeding our clients' expectations in delivering consistently high levels of service and support. We congratulate our talented and experienced lawyers on their continued successes.”

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