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Leading Health Care and Information Technology Attorney Amy Leopard Joins Bradley Arant Boult Cummings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Dec. 29, 2011) – Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Amy S. Leopard has joined the firm as a partner in the Health Care Practice Group. Leopard is highly experienced in advising diverse clients on corporate matters involving health care and information technology. She is based in the firm's Nashville office and will also work out of the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

"We welcome Amy to our thriving Health Care Practice Group and know that she will be a tremendous asset to our clients," said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. "Amy's extensive legal and health care industry knowledge put her in an elite group of advisors in the growing health care arena."

Leopard regularly advises health systems and practitioners, entrepreneurs and industry service providers on a variety of business transactions including structuring strategic alliances and financial relationships among and between providers, negotiating technology contracts, joint ventures, physician recruitment and employment contracts, acquisition and distribution agreements, and other commercial contracts. Her regulatory compliance work involves overseeing internal investigations, advising clients on federal and state regulatory and reimbursement matters, managing regulatory vulnerabilities under the fraud and abuse laws and effective corporate compliance. Leopard also focuses on technology development and acquisitions, including electronic health records (EHRs) as well as privacy and security issues. She has been listed each year since 2006 in The Best Lawyers in America® directory for her health care law practice.

Prior to joining Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Leopard was a partner with Walter & Haverfield LLP in Cleveland, Ohio, where she also served on the firm's management committee. Previously, she was a hospital executive and worked for more than 20 years in the health care industry in both academic

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medical center and community hospital settings. Leopard holds a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, an M.S. in health services administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a B.S. from Auburn University. She taught advanced classes on Healthcare Transactions and Healthcare Finance as an adjunct faculty at Case Western Reserve Law School.

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

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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, economic development, 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.