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Bradley Arant Boult Cummings to Host Mortgage Bankers Association School of Mortgage Banking

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (**April 6, 2012**) – Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP will host The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) School of Mortgage Banking April 17-20 at its offices in Birmingham. The four-day educational event provides training to mortgage banking professionals pursuing MBA accreditation. This is the first time the program, which is offered four times a year by the MBA, has been held in Birmingham.

"We have a long relationship with the MBA and its members, and it is an honor to host this program," said D. Brian O'Dell, a partner in the Financial Services Litigation & Regulatory Compliance Practice at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings. "We look forward to welcoming students and instructors to Birmingham."

O'Dell, along with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings partner Robert Maddox, will teach several subjects that are being offered at the firm. Other instructors will come in from around the country to teach.

Approximately 50-60 participants from across the U.S. will attend.

"The courses are taught by some of the top professionals working in mortgage banking today," said O'Dell. "Participants will be from all facets of the mortgage banking industry, including governmental and regulatory agencies."

Topics covered during the School of Mortgage Banking courses range from an overview of the mortgage banking industry to specific issues related to risk, profitability and portfolio management.

About the Mortgage Bankers Association

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The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) is the national association representing the real estate finance industry, an industry that employs more than 280,000 people in virtually every community in the country. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the association works to ensure the continued strength of the nation's residential and commercial real estate markets; to expand homeownership and extend access to affordable housing to all Americans. MBA promotes fair and ethical lending practices and fosters professional excellence among real estate finance employees through a wide range of educational programs and a variety of publications. Its membership of over 2,200 companies includes all elements of real estate finance: mortgage companies, mortgage brokers, commercial banks, thrifts, Wall Street conduits, life insurance companies and others in the mortgage lending field. For additional information, visit MBA's Web site: www.mortgagebankers.org.

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

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