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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Named Associate Member of the Year
by Associated Builders and Contractors' Carolinas Chapter**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (July 18, 2012) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that the Carolinas Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) has chosen the firm as its Associate Member of the Year for contributions to the industry and local ABC chapter.

The firm will receive the award Aug. 4 at the Closing Awards & Entertainment Dinner of the Carolinas Construction Conference in Wilmington, N.C.

“This recognition is an acknowledgement of the hard work that our construction attorneys in Charlotte have put into supporting the North Carolina construction sector,” said firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “We would particularly like to single out Ryan Beavers and Monica Wilson for their tireless commitment to the ABC. This award is due in no small part to their hard work.”

The Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Construction & Procurement practice group represents a broad range of construction industry clients around the country and the world, operating in all sectors of the industry, including general contractors, subcontractors, owners, developers, construction managers, architects, engineers, vendors, suppliers, lenders, insurers, and sureties. The firm represents five of the top 10 construction companies in the United States, as ranked by *Engineering News-Record*. Many of the firm's construction attorneys worked previously in the construction industry and have degrees in engineering and architecture.

About the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Carolinas Chapter

Associated Builders & Contractors is a family of contractors, suppliers, and industry professionals seeking to promote and improve the image of construction and address the many issues facing the industry. The Carolinas Chapter together with 23,500 member firms nationally promote equality

amongst construction managers, general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, and industry professionals. With one voice our members seek to improve the construction industry as a whole.

Associated Builders & Contractors was founded in Baltimore, MD in 1950 to promote the "merit shop" and the free market system as it relates to the construction industry. Additionally, ABC promotes the "fairness factor", by which all members are seen as being equal. All businesses, from general contractors to suppliers, and sub-contractors to industry professionals, have a voice and vote. This is something that is not found in any other construction association.

ABC chartered the Carolinas chapter in 1998. For more information, please visit <http://www.abccarolinas.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.