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**Three Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorneys Honored by Alabama State Bar
For Exemplary Service to Legal Profession**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (August 10, 2012) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that three of the firm’s attorneys were recognized by the Alabama State Bar at its annual meeting on July 10. Partners Bruce P. Ely and W. Stanley Gregory, and associate James E. Long, Jr. each received a 2012 President’s Award for Exemplary Service to the Profession. There were 12 recipients in total this year. Mr. Long was the only associate to receive this category of award.

“We congratulate Bruce, Stan and Jimmy on this achievement,” said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “This is a very significant achievement for our colleagues, and for our firm. It is always gratifying to know that peers and clients value both the work that we do and our contributions to the legal community.”

Bruce P. Ely chairs the firm’s State and Local Tax (SALT) team and counsels a wide range of clients on a variety of SALT issues, including entity formation and tax incentives. He also represents taxpayers before federal, Alabama and local administrative and bodies. Mr. Ely has served for many years as state tax adviser to the Alabama Retail Association, the Council on State Taxation (COST), and the Alabama Society of CPAs, and is a former chair of the Alabama State Bar Tax Section and currently chairs its Legislative Review Committee. He was recently recognized as one of the top 10 Tax Lawyers in the United States when State Tax Notes announced its selection of the most influential individuals and organizations in the state tax field for 2011. Mr. Ely holds an LL.M. in taxation from New York University School of Law, a J.D. (*with honors*) from the University of Alabama School of Law, and a B.S. (*cum laude*) from the University of Alabama.

W. Stanley Gregory has extensive experience in general obligation and special revenue financings for Alabama counties and cities as well as with public agency borrowing and the loan programs of the Rural

Development division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He has served as bond counsel in a broad variety of financings, including those involving variable rate debt, derivatives, forward delivery agreements and credit enhancement. Mr. Gregory holds a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law, and an M.B.A. and B.S. from the University of Alabama.

James E. Long, Jr. concentrates his practice primarily in the area of state and local tax matters, including income, franchise and transactional taxes and various tax incentives. He also assists clients with federal tax issues, including those related to forming, acquiring, reorganizing and operating their businesses as corporations or various limited liability entities. Mr. Long holds an LL.M. in taxation from New York University School of Law, a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law and a B.S. from Auburn University.

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.