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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Lawyers Ranked
as Appeals Litigation Leaders by Benchmark Appellate**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Sept. 20, 2012) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that the firm and six of its appellate attorneys have received top rankings in the 2013 edition of Benchmark Appellate, which evaluates and recognizes leading U.S. litigation firms and attorneys. The firm and its appellate litigators were highly ranked in last year's inaugural edition of the guide.

Benchmark Appellate ranked Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings as “highly recommended” in the Eleventh, Fifth and Sixth circuits of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In addition, Benchmark Appellate awarded individual honors to the following Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings attorneys (designated by their office), ranking them as top circuit litigators:

Birmingham

- **Matthew H. Lembke**, partner
- **Kevin C. Newsom**, partner and chair of the firm's Appellate Litigation Group

Huntsville, Ala.

- **Scott Burnett Smith**, partner

Jackson, Miss.

- **W. Wayne Drinkwater**, partner

Nashville, Tenn.

- **Samuel D. Lipshie**, partner
- **Patricia Head Moskal**, partner

Benchmark Appellate subcategorizes rankings according to the federal circuits where law firms and their attorneys practice. Bradley Arant Boult Cummings maintains offices in several federal circuits.

“We are extremely proud that our firm and so many of our top litigators have been recognized again by Benchmark Appellate as appellate law leaders,” said firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “These honorees represent the firm’s very accomplished and active appellate litigation group that has made Bradley Arant Boult Cummings a go-to firm for clients seeking representation at both the national and regional appellate levels.”

The firm’s appellate litigation group handles all practice areas, including general commercial, class action, products liability, labor and employment, intellectual property, environmental, banking and finance, health care, media, tax and civil rights. The firm’s appellate lawyers appear regularly before the U.S. Supreme Court and have argued cases in all 13 federal courts of appeals and a number of state supreme and appellate courts.

Published by Euromoney’s Legal Media Group, the Appellate publication and Benchmark’s other reference guides recognize the top U.S. litigation firms and attorneys in a variety of disciplines.

Rankings are determined through research interviews with litigators and their clients.

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LL

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has more than 430 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.