

**Twenty-Three Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorneys  
Named 2013 “Lawyers of the Year” by Best Lawyers in America**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Sept. 13, 2012)** – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 23 of the firm’s attorneys have been selected by Best Lawyers as “Lawyers of the Year” for 2013 in their respective practice areas. Only one attorney in each legal practice area is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year” in a designated metropolitan area.

“Lawyers of the Year” received the most recommendations for their abilities, professionalism and integrity from other attorneys during the peer-review process that helps select lawyers for the annual *The Best Lawyers in America*® guide, one of the most highly regarded referral publications in the legal profession. Including the firm’s “Lawyers of the Year”, 173 Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings attorneys are listed in the 2013 edition of the guide.

“We are proud of all of our Lawyers of the Year and Best Lawyers honorees who continually set the bar high with their exceptional skills and the exemplary level of service that they provide to our clients,” said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “For 2013, we saw an increase in the total number of our firm’s attorneys who earned top praise as Lawyers of the Year as well as those who are listed as leading lawyers in the prestigious Best Lawyers guide.”

Attorneys in the firm’s Birmingham office who are recognized by Best Lawyers as the 2013 Birmingham “Lawyers of the Year” in their respective practice areas are: **John J. Coleman, Jr.** (Labor Law – Management), **Patrick Darby** (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy), **Bruce P. Ely** (Litigation & Controversy – Tax), **Denson N. Franklin, III** (Business Organizations [including LLCs and Partnerships]), **Linda A. Friedman** (Franchise Law), **James W. Gewin** (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants), **K. Wood Herren** (Non-Profit/Charities Law), **Leigh Anne Hodge** (Litigation – ERISA), **Matthew H. Lembke** (Appellate Practice), **John K. Molen** (Corporate Compliance Law), **David W. Owen** (Construction Law), **Michael R. Pennington** (Litigation – Banking & Finance), **Donald B. Sweeney, Jr.** (Education

Law), **Laurence D. Vinson, Jr.** (Financial Services Regulation Law), and **Paul S. Ware** (Corporate Law).

Attorneys in the firm's Huntsville office who were named by Best Lawyers as 2013 Huntsville "Lawyers of the Year" in their respective practice areas are: **Frank M. Caprio** (Copyright Law) and **Kimberly B. Martin** (Commercial Litigation).

In the firm's Jackson office, those attorneys who are recognized by Best Lawyers as Jackson's "Lawyers of the Year" for 2013 in their respective practice areas are: **W. Rodney Clement** (Land Use & Zoning Law) and **W. Wayne Drinkwater** (Appellate Practice).

Montgomery office attorney **Wendell Cauley** was selected as a 2013 Montgomery "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Administrative/Regulatory Law.

Attorneys in the firm's Nashville office who are recognized by Best Lawyers as Nashville's top attorneys for 2013 in their respective practice areas are: **Patrick L. Alexander** (Public Finance Law), **Joseph W. Gibbs** (Economic Development Law) and **John M. Scannapieco** (Litigation – ERISA).

### **About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP**

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, economic development, education, emerging business, energy, entertainment, equipment leasing, forest products, government contracts, health care, hospitality, insurance, life sciences, 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.