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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorney Bruce P. Ely
Named to 2013 *International Who's Who of Corporate Tax Lawyers***

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Jan. 15, 2013) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Birmingham partner Bruce P. Ely has been recognized as one of the world's leading corporate tax attorneys. Ely is the only Alabama attorney listed in the 2013 *International Who's Who of Corporate Tax Lawyers*.

Attorneys are selected for the guide through independent surveys of clients and peers. The publisher, London-based Who's Who Legal, identifies leading lawyers in 31 areas of business law from more than 100 countries.

“Bruce is an accomplished corporate tax law attorney whose leadership in this area is key to helping our clients achieve their business goals,” said firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “We congratulate Bruce on this international recognition.”

Ely's practice focuses on three concentric areas: representing taxpayers before federal, Alabama, and local administrative and judicial forums; advising companies on choosing the proper form of entity through which to conduct business in the Southeast and potential tax incentives; and advising companies and various trade and professional organizations regarding state and local tax legislative matters. Ely served as tax and incentives adviser to the state recruiting teams that induced JVC America, Mercedes-Benz, then later Hyundai, to locate their first U.S. manufacturing plants in Alabama, and he continues to work in that area through the firm's Economic Development Practice Team.

Ely frequently represents companies before federal, state and local government agencies and in the Alabama courts. He chairs the firm's State and Local Tax (SALT) Practice Team, which represents taxpayers before the departments of revenue (DOR) in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and the District

of Columbia, as well as local government taxing authorities and the state and federal courts. Ely has served as counsel to multistate taxpayers in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and before the Alabama appellate courts, circuit courts and the Alabama DOR's Administrative Law Division.

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has more than 440 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.