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## **Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Names Three New Partners**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Jan. 05, 2012)** – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce the firm has elevated attorneys **Graham W. Gerhardt, Brian S. Shelton** and **James L. Webb** to partner. They join the firm’s partnership effective January 1, 2012.

“We congratulate our new partners on their ongoing successes that have earned them this achievement,” said firm chairman Beau Grenier. “Their elevation also reinforces the strength of our practice groups in key areas that serve many of our clients.”

Gerhardt is based in Birmingham and a partner in the firm’s Litigation and Banking and Financial Services practice groups, representing financial institutions and mortgage companies in civil litigation. In addition, he has experience in other types of litigation, including suits brought pursuant to the Federal Employers’ Liability Act, products liability litigation, and insurance disputes involving claims of breach of contract, bad faith and fraud. He also has experience in employment matters, and has defended suits brought pursuant to Title VII, Section 1981, the Equal Pay Act, and various other state and federal statutes. Gerhardt is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama Bar Association and Birmingham Bar Association. He earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Washington & Lee University School of Law and B.A. from Duke University.

Webb is based in Birmingham and a partner in the firm’s Real Estate and Banking and Financial Services practice groups. He focuses his practice on representing lenders, borrowers and developers in a wide variety of commercial real estate transactions, including lending, development and leasing matters. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar Association, Birmingham Bar Association and the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law. Webb holds a J.D. from Northwestern University and a B.S., *cum laude* (Presidential Scholar), from the University of Alabama.

Shelton is based in Nashville and a partner in the firm's Tax practice group. He focuses his practice on estate planning, estate administration, corporate and partnership tax, federal tax, state and local tax, and tax-exempt organizations. He represents clients in forming businesses (such as limited liability companies, partnerships and corporations), and advises businesses with respect to tax and business matters, and implementing partnership and limited liability company transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. In addition, he represents individuals and families in structuring their estate plans, and personal representatives in the probate and estate administration process. Shelton is a member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association and Nashville Bar Association. He holds a J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. He also has an LL.M., *cum laude*, in taxation from the University of Florida and a B.B.A., *cum laude*, from Mississippi State University.

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

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has approximately 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.