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Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Secures Fourth Place in *U.S. News* Law Firm Ranking

Receives Fourth-Highest Number of Top-Tier Rankings in the Nation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (September 15, 2010) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce the firm has received the fourth highest number of top-tier rankings in the country in the inaugural *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* list of top U.S. firms. As it has done for many years for hospitals and colleges, this year *U.S. News*, working with the attorney ranking company Best Lawyers, has ranked U.S. law firms based on a number of criteria, including client satisfaction.

“It is particularly significant that a southeastern firm like Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings did so well in the *U.S. News* ranking,” said Best Lawyers president Steven Naifeh. “It shows the depth of experience of firms like Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings, and that clients consider them equals to the traditional East Coast powerhouses. As clients cut legal costs and search for value, they are looking beyond New York to other regions of the country where firms have just as much talent and experience.”

“We are very pleased to see the firm recognized in this way by *U.S. News Best Lawyers*,” said Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Chairman Beau Grenier. “As with the *U.S. News* hospital and college rankings, this new list will no doubt be very influential in the U.S. legal industry, and gives significant weight to the growing role played by Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings – and all southeastern firms – in the wider legal market.”

Mr. Grenier is available for interviews. A copy of the full results for the firm is also available.

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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, 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.