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**More than 150 Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Attorneys
Listed in 2012 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America***

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Sept. 2, 2011) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 153 of the firm’s attorneys are included in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, one of the most highly regarded referral publications in the legal profession. This year’s numbers mean nearly 65 percent of the firm’s full-time partners were named to Best Lawyers. The attorneys were selected by their peers as leaders in their respective practice areas.

Founded in 1983, *Best Lawyers* lists attorneys who are selected through a detailed peer-review survey that targets more than 39,000 leading lawyers for their opinions on other lawyers’ abilities. Attorneys cannot pay their way onto the list.

“We are tremendously honored to have so many of our highly skilled and knowledgeable attorneys recognized by *Best Lawyers* as leaders in their practice areas,” said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “We congratulate them on this honor, which demonstrates the high quality of legal talent that our firm attracts and the services we offer our valued clients.”

Birmingham

The 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* lists **82 attorneys** from the firm’s Birmingham office: **Scott E. Adams** (Trusts and Estates); **Hal Albritton** (Commercial Litigation); **Jim Archibald** (Litigation – Construction); **Kay K. Bains** (Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law, and Timber Law); **Charles A.J. Beavers, Jr.** (Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use & Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use & Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate, and Real Estate Law); **Jay R. Bender** (Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Litigation – Bankruptcy); **Dylan C. Black** (Commercial Litigation); **Paul P. Bolus** (Commercial Litigation and

Insurance Law); **Axel Bolvig, III** (Construction Law and Litigation – Construction); **T. Michael Brown** (Litigation – Environmental, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs); **Philip J. Carroll, III** (Commercial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants); **Tom Carruthers** (Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, and Tax Law); **James W. Childs, Jr.** (Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Venture Capital Law); **J.S. Christie, Jr.** (Litigation – ERISA); **Brittin T. Coleman** (Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants); **John J. Coleman, Jr.** (Employment Law – Management and Labor Law - Management); **Paul Compton** (Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Derivatives and Futures Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, Insurance Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law); **Stewart M. Cox** (Commercial Litigation); **Patrick Darby** (Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Litigation – Bankruptcy); **Michael S. Denniston** (Antitrust Law and Franchise Law); **L. Susan Doss** (Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Securitization and Structured Finance Law); **J. David Dresher** (Banking and Finance Law and Financial Services Regulation Law); **Bruce P. Ely** (Litigation and Controversy – Tax, and Tax Law); **Denson N. Franklin, III** (Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **Stuart J. Frenz** (Tax Law); **Linda A. Friedman** (Copyright Law, Franchise Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, and Trademark Law); **James W. Gewin** (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants); **N. Chris Glenos** (Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law); **Glenn E. Glover** (Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law); **John E. Goodman** (Commercial Litigation); **Beau Grenier** (Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Securities Regulation); **Christopher R. Grissom** (Litigation and Controversy – Tax, and Tax Law); **John W. Hargrove** (Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor & Employment); **Tripp Haston** (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, and Product Liability Litigation); **James F. Henry** (Health Care Law); **William L. Hinds, Jr.** (Corporate Law, Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates); **K. Wood Herren** (Economic Development Law, Non-Profit/Charities Law, and Tax Law); **Gary L. Howard** (Insurance Law); **David G. Hymer** (Bet-the-Company Litigation and Commercial Litigation); **Rod Kanter** (Public Finance Law); **Joel M. Kuehnert** (Environmental Law);

Harold B. Kushner (Corporate Law and Tax Law); **Bradley W. Lard** (Tax Law and Trusts and Estates); **Matthew H. Lembke** (Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental, and Water Law); **Robert Maddox** (Financial Services Regulation Law and Litigation – Banking & Finance); **Joseph B. Mays, Jr.** (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, and Litigation – Antitrust); **Justin T. McDonald** (Product Liability Litigation – Defendants); **Michael D. McKibben** (Commercial Litigation, Medical Malpractice Law, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants); **Hobart A. McWhorter, Jr.** (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants); **T. Matthew Miller** (Employment Law – Management and Labor Law – Management); **John K. Molen** (Corporate Compliance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Securities Regulation); **Stephen R. Monk** (Real Estate Law); **John H. Morrow** (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, First Amendment Law, and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants); **Kevin C. Newsom** (Appellate Practice); **Virginia C. Patterson** (Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **Michael R. Pennington** (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking & Finance, Litigation – Securities, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants); **Kenneth M. Perry** (Product Liability Litigation – Defendants); **T. Gregory Peterson, Ph.D.** (Biotechnology Law); **J. David Pugh** (Construction Law and Litigation – Construction); **E. Mabry Rogers** (Arbitration, Construction Law, Litigation – Construction, and Mediation); **Jim Rotch** (Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **David Roth** (Environmental Law and Litigation – Environmental); **Walter J. Sears III** (Construction Law); **Jack W. Selden** (Criminal Defense: White Collar); **Dawn Helms Sharff** (Real Estate Law); **Frederic L. Smith, Jr.** (Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **Jim Stewart** (Corporate Law); **Donald B. Sweeney, Jr.** (Education Law and Municipal Law); **Paul M. Sykes** (Copyright Law, Information Technology Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, and Patent Law); **Tracy M. Thompson** (Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law); **Sid J. Trant** (Environmental Law and Litigation – Environmental); **Bobby C. Underwood** (Real Estate Law); **Laurence D. Vinson, Jr.** (Corporate Law, Equipment Finance Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, and International Trade and Finance Law); **Robert C. Walthall** (Corporate Law and Tax Law); **Paul S. Ware** (Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, and

Securities/Capital Markets Law); **John D. Watson** (Product Liability Litigation – Defendants); **Meade Whitaker, Jr.** (Real Estate Law); **J. Keith Windle** (Real Estate Law); **Kenneth T. Wyatt** (Banking and Finance Law); **Ralph H. Yeilding** (Trusts and Estates); **Anne R. Yuengert** (Employment Law – Management); and **Alan K. Zeigler** (Public Finance Law).

Charlotte

In the firm's Charlotte office, attorney **James C. Smith** (Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, Litigation – Mergers & Acquisitions, and Litigation – Securities) is listed in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Huntsville

Attorneys in the firm's Huntsville office who are listed in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* are: **Hall B. Bryant, III** (Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Venture Capital Law); **Frank M. Caprio** (Copyright Law, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Patent Law, and Trademark Law); **S. Revelle Gwyn** (Corporate Law); **Warne S. Heath** (Employment Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor & Employment); **Cutter Hughes** (First Amendment Law); **Scott E. Ludwig** (Biotechnology Law, Corporate Law, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Non-Profit/Charities Law, Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates); **Kimberly B. Martin** (Biotechnology Law, Commercial Litigation, and First Amendment Law); **Scott Burnett Smith** (Appellate Practice); and **H. Harold Stephens** (Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Mediation, and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants).

Jackson

Recognized attorneys in the firm's Jackson office are: **Roy D. Campbell, III** (Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants); **David W. Clark** (Commercial Litigation); **W. Rodney Clement** (Land Use & Zoning Law and Real Estate Law); **Margaret Oertling Cupples** (Appellate Practice); **W. Wayne Drinkwater**,

Jr. (Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants); **Ralph B. Germany, Jr.** (Construction Law); **J. William Manuel** (Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental, and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants); **J. Douglas Minor, Jr.** (Commercial Litigation); **William R. Purdy** (Construction Law); **Stephen L. Thomas** (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Product Liability Litigation, and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants); and **Stephen M. Wilson** (Corporate Law, Litigation and Controversy – Tax, and Tax Law).

Montgomery

Attorneys in the firm's Montgomery office who are listed in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* are: **Philip Butler** (Bet-the-Company Litigation and Commercial Litigation); **Wendell Cauley** (Administrative/Regulatory Law and Tax Law); **W. Stanley Gregory** (Public Finance Law and Tax Law); **William C. McGowin** (Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants); **Charles Stewart** (Bet-the-Company Litigation and Commercial Litigation); and **Robert D. Thorington** (Corporate Law and Public Finance Law).

Nashville

There are **42 attorneys** from the firm's Nashville office listed: **Patrick L. Alexander** (Corporate Law and Public Finance Law); **Paul A. Alexis** (Antitrust Law and Commercial Litigation); **Andrea C. Barach** (Corporate Law); **Emily Hatch Bowman** (Banking and Finance Law); **Stephen T. Braun** (Corporate Law, Health Care Law, and Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **Michael D. Brent** (Health Care Law); **Kevin B. Campbell** (Health Care Law); **Ann Peldo Cargile** (Real Estate Law); **Davis H. Carr** (Banking and Finance Law); **J. Greer Cummings, Jr.** (Real Estate Law); **William W. Earthman, III** (Banking and Finance Law); **Joseph W. Gibbs** (Economic Development Law, Litigation & Controversy – Tax, and Tax Law); **John E. Gillmor** (Health Care Law); **Jay Hardcastle** (Corporate Law, Health Care Law, and Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **John R. Haynes** (Real Estate Law); **Lela Hollabaugh** (Energy Law); **E. Berry Holt** (Corporate Law, Health Care Law, and Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **H.**

Frederick Humbracht, Jr. (Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation – Banking & Finance, and Litigation – Construction); **B. David Joffe** (Employee Benefits/ERISA Law); **Roger G. Jones** (Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation – Banking & Finance, and Litigation – Bankruptcy); **Samuel D. Lipshie** (Entertainment Law – Music); **Matthew C. Lonergan** (Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, and Labor Law – Management); **Patricia Head Moskal** (Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, and Litigation & Controversy - Tax); **Russell B. Morgan** (Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Construction); **John E. Murdock III** (Banking and Finance Law and Equipment Finance Law); **Jim Murphy** (Land Use & Zoning Law, Litigation – Land Use & Zoning, Municipal Law, and Real Estate Law); **Andrew J. Murray** (Health Care Law); **Gordon Earle Nichols** (Employee Benefits/ERISA Law); **William L. Norton, III** (Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Commercial Litigation); **Craig Oliver** (Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, and Litigation – Labor & Employment); **Robert S. Patterson** (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Intellectual Property); **Nathan H. Ridley** (Government Relations Practice); **Charles S. Sanger** (Banking and Finance Law); **John M. Scannapieco** (Litigation – ERISA); **Brooks R. Smith** (Real Estate Law); **David K. Taylor** (Arbitration, Construction Law, and Mediation); **John W. Titus** (Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions Law); **J. Thomas Trent, Jr.** (Economic Development Law and Real Estate Law); **Thor Y. Urness** (Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Intellectual Property); **Henry M. Walker** (Energy Law); **Richard F. Warren** (Real Estate Law); and **Robert E. Wood** (Real Estate Law).

Washington

Recognized attorneys in the firm's Washington, D.C., office are: **Douglas L. Patin** (Construction Law) and **Stephen R. Spivack** (Criminal Defense: White Collar).

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has more than 370 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, 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.