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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings and Partner Wayne Drinkwater Recognized for
Fifth Circuit Work by Benchmark Appellate**

JACKSON, Miss. (Jan. 19, 2012) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP and partner W. Wayne Drinkwater have received top-tier recognition for appellate work in the Fifth Circuit in the debut edition of *Benchmark Appellate*, which evaluates leading U.S. appeals litigation firms and attorneys. *Benchmark Appellate* ranked the firm as Highly Recommended, and named Mr. Drinkwater a Fifth Circuit Litigation Star.

Published by Euromoney’s Legal Media Group, *Benchmark Appellate* was spawned by the 5-year-old *Benchmark Litigation*, the publisher’s hallmark publication that focuses on trial-level litigators and law firms. *Benchmark Appellate*’s rankings are subcategorized according to law firms’ and their attorneys’ respective federal circuits. Rankings were determined through research interviews with litigators and their clients.

“This is a tremendous honor, both for the firm and for Wayne,” said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “It is gratifying to see our work singled out by our peers and clients in such a prominent way.”

A firm client quoted by *Benchmark Appellate* wrote “I chose to retain Bradley Arant based on personal referrals, experience, and prior record. Bradley Arant’s appellate team offers exceptional writing and advocacy experience, and they get results. Other firms don’t compare.” The guide went on to say that Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings “boasts formidable bench strength and depth.”

Benchmark Appellate noted Mr. Drinkwater “regularly heads the firm’s largest and most high-profile appeals inside and outside of the Fifth Circuit,” and referenced the “more than 30 state and federal appeals he has argued across circuits” during his career. The guide specifically called attention to Mr.

Drinkwater's *pro bono* work, noting his "substantial contributions to the community" and work "on behalf of abused and neglected children."

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.