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**Chris Bowles Joins Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in Nashville**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Dec. 15, 2011)** – Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Chris Bowles has joined the firm’s Nashville office as an associate in the Real Estate Practice Group.

Bowles will focus his practice on matters involving alternative energy, energy, economic development, environmental issues, land use, and commercial real estate.

“Chris has diverse experience in both the public and private sectors with various economic development, environmental, energy and other matters that will make him a valuable addition to our real estate group and economic development team,” said J. Thomas Trent, Jr., a real estate partner in the firm’s Nashville office and chair of the firm’s economic development team. “We welcome Chris to the firm and look forward to his contributions to our clients.”

Prior to joining Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, Bowles was the director of Nashville Mayor Karl Dean’s Office of Environment and Sustainability. The mission of the Office of Environment and Sustainability is to develop and expand initiatives to improve Nashville’s natural environment and ensure sustainability of the quality of life that depends on a healthy environment. While working for the Mayor, Bowles oversaw several initiatives, including the creation and implementation of the Mayor’s residential energy efficiency program, Nashville Energy Works, and the creation of Nashville’s first-ever Open Space Master Plan. Previously Bowles practiced environmental law and litigation with Bass, Berry & Sims PLC in Nashville.

Bowles holds a J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin. During law school, Bowles was the co-founder and editor-in-chief of the Environmental Law and Policy Annual Review, which is a joint publication of Vanderbilt and the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

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