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> Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Continues Strategic Growth of Health Care Practice with Addition of Partner Dinetia Newman in Jackson Office

Newman is the 12th Health Care Attorney to Join Firm in Past Four Months

JACKSON, Miss. (Feb. 22, 2012) – Continuing the strategic growth of its nationally recognized Health Care practice, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has added partner Dinetia Newman in the firm's Jackson office. Previously a partner with Balch & Bingham LLP, Ms. Newman represents hospitals and health systems, physicians, managed care organizations, and other Medicare Part B suppliers.

Ms. Newman is the 12th attorney to join the Health Care practice at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in the past four months. In January, the firm <u>added nine members to the group in Birmingham</u>, along with health care antitrust attorney <u>Jay Levine</u> in Washington. <u>Amy Leopard</u> joined the firm's Nashville office last November.

"We are happy to welcome Dinetia to the firm and look forward to what she brings to our team," said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. "Dinetia is not only a welcome addition to our expanding health care group, but also represents a significant step in our ongoing expansion of the Jackson office and the services we offer clients."

Ms. Newman counsels clients on a variety of matters involving Medicare and Medicaid payments, as well as Anti-Kickback Act, Stark Law, EMTALA, and HIPAA compliance. Her work includes advising clients on matters involving state licensures, certificate of need issues and state and federal investigations. Ms. Newman also represents health care organizations in contract negotiations.

"I have been very impressed with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings' growth strategies and expansion of its service offerings in Jackson, and believe that the firm provides a good fit for the direction I want my Dinetia Newman press release Feb. 22, 2012 Page 2

practice to take," said Ms. Newman. "I look forward to working with all of my talented new colleagues."

Ms. Newman holds a J.D. (*summa cum laude*) from the University of Mississippi School of Law and a B.A. from Rhodes College.

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

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