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**Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Partner H. Harold Stephens
Appointed to Alabama Law Institute**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (Nov. 15, 2011) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that H. Harold Stephens, a litigation partner in the firm’s Huntsville office, has been appointed to the prestigious Alabama Law Institute for a five-year term ending in 2016.

Created by an act of the Legislature in 1967, the Alabama Law Institute is a legislative agency that works to clarify and simplify the laws of Alabama, to revise laws that are out-of-date and to fill in gaps in the law where there exists legal confusion. The organization, which limits its membership to a maximum of 150, is made up of Alabama State Bar Association members who are elected for fixed terms; the judges of the Alabama Supreme Court, courts of appeals and circuit courts; federal judges domiciled in Alabama; full-time law faculty members of Cumberland Law School and the University of Alabama School of Law; and all lawyer members of the Legislature who are licensed to practice in Alabama.

Nine other Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings attorneys are either current or previous members of the Alabama Law Institute, including Patrick H. Graves, Jr. and Scott E. Ludwig from the Huntsville office and Scott E. Adams, Charles A.J. Beavers, Brittin T. Coleman, Bruce P. Ely, Linda A. Friedman, James W. Gewin, and Laurence D. Vinson Jr. in Birmingham.

“We congratulate Harold on his appointment to the Alabama Law Institute,” said Firm Chairman Beau Grenier. “Harold brings a wealth of experience to his new role and we know he will be an outstanding representative as he joins other Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings attorneys as members of this prestigious and vital legislative body.”

A former assistant U.S. attorney in Birmingham, Ala., Stephens has handled a wide variety of civil litigation, at both the trial and appellate levels, for more than two decades. His litigation work has included matters in Alabama and federal courts, as well as cases involving clients in Florida, Georgia, California, Iowa, Tennessee and Nebraska.

In addition to Stephens' diverse business and commercial litigation work including contract disputes, fraud claims and trade secret litigation, a significant portion of his practice is devoted to the defense of professional malpractice claims, especially involving physicians and attorneys. His government contract litigation experience includes defense of claims related to the International Space Station. In addition, Stephens handles wrongful death cases concerning product liability, vehicle accident and medical malpractice claims, and represents employers in labor/employment litigation, including discrimination and wrongful termination cases. He also regularly serves as a mediator.

Stephens recently was named to the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He also was recognized as an Alabama Super Lawyer for 2011. Stephens holds a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law and a B.A. from the University of Alabama.

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, 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.