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Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Names Eight New Partners

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (January 13, 2011) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce the firm has elevated eight attorneys to partner: **Mary Leesa Booth; Ty E. Dedmon, Hallman (Hall) B. Eady; Michael C. Griffin; Amy D. Hampton; Charles R. Moore, III; Mary Clay W. Morgan; and Ethan T. Tidmore.** They joined the firm’s partnership effective January 1, 2011.

“We are happy to elevate these members of the firm to partner,” said firm chairman Beau Grenier. “This is a hard-earned and well deserved achievement for each of these individuals. We congratulate them on reaching this milestone in their careers.”

Below is additional information on the new partners, organized by office.

Birmingham

Mary Leesa Booth is a member of the firm’s Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Reorganization practice. She represents debtors and creditors in local and national bankruptcy cases. Booth works on a variety of matters for clients, including seeking bankruptcy court approval of corporate asset sales, assumption and assignment of contracts and unexpired leases, key employee retention plans and claims objections. She regularly assists debtors in assembling financial data and other pertinent corporate information for preparation of bankruptcy schedules and plans of reorganization. Booth has extensive experience with matters related to qualified pension plans, health and welfare benefits, and bankruptcy related tax issues. She also handles transactional work, representing buyers and sellers from a variety of industries, including health care, manufacturing, transportation and construction. Booth holds an LL.M. from the University of Florida, a J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, and a B.A. from the University of South Alabama.

Ty E. Dedmon is a litigator and focuses his practice on commercial litigation and the life sciences sector. He has represented clients in state and federal courts around the country and has extensive

experience resolving cases through civil trials and alternative dispute resolution. Dedmon acts as defense counsel to life sciences companies involved in mass toxic tort and pharmaceutical product liability actions and represents physicians, nurses, and hospitals in medically complex professional liability actions. Dedmon's commercial litigation practice involves defending a variety of reimbursement claims by governmental entities. He has represented life sciences clients subject to Medicare Secondary Payer Act reimbursement claims, and defended healthcare, construction, and transportation logistics companies subject to *qui tam* actions under the False Claims Act. He also defends pharmaceutical manufacturers against average wholesale price (AWP) fraud claims and is currently involved in dozens of tax disputes across the country on behalf of an online travel company. Dedmon holds a J.D. (*magna cum laude*) from the University of Alabama School of Law and a B.S. from Samford University.

Hallman (Hall) B. Eady is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice and currently focuses much of his work on representing lenders and financial institutions in pursuit of loss mitigation resulting from the current mortgage foreclosure crisis, including assisting with title claims (both claims process and litigation) and other loss mitigation claims, including those deriving from servicing and correspondent agreements. He has collected millions of dollars for insureds over the past two years as part of his title insurance litigation practice. As part of his financial services litigation practice, Eady also defends mortgagees against wrongful foreclosure and related claims. Eady recently obtained summary judgment in favor of a lender against a multi-million dollar counterclaim asserted by a borrower as part of fraud and wrongful foreclosure claims. As part of his commercial litigation practice, Eady regularly represents commercial tenants and landlords, landowners, contractors, manufacturers and mining companies. He holds a J.D. (*cum laude*) from the University of Alabama School of Law and a B.S. (*cum laude*) from Birmingham-Southern College.

Charles R. Moore, III is a member of the firm's Banking and Financial Services Practice Group and Real Estate Practice Group, and he regularly represents financial institutions in a variety of matters. Moore has substantial experience in mortgage warehouse lending, real estate finance, and bank formation, branching and capital raising activities. He also commonly handles bank regulatory compliance matters and purchases and sales of commercial real estate. Moore represents a number of Alabama-based community banks and serves on the board of the Alabama Bankers Association's

Leadership Section. Moore holds a J.D. (Order of the Coif) from the University of Virginia School of Law and a B.A. (*summa cum laude*) from Vanderbilt University.

Ethan T. Tidmore is a litigator and focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and creditors' rights. He represents businesses and individuals in a broad range of trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts. Tidmore routinely handles matters for national, regional, and community financial institutions, including creditor claims, lender liability, and trustee litigation. He also represents clients from other industries, including manufacturing and health care. Tidmore is a leader in the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division (YLD) and was recently elected to a three-year term as the YLD Delegate-at-Large to the ABA's House of Delegates. He holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and a B.A. (*summa cum laude*) from the University of Alabama.

Charlotte

Michael C. Griffin is a litigator whose practice involves all aspects of commercial litigation, including commercial contract disputes, business torts, insurance coverage disputes, construction contract and construction defect claims, corporate litigation, shareholder disputes, and commercial arbitration. He has represented clients in the mortgage and insurance industries in state and federal court from Washington, D.C. to South Carolina, in actions involving mortgage related fees and services, FCRA, TILA, RESPA, and RICO. Griffin's insurance litigation experience includes complex litigation related to coverage issues, bad faith, and fraud. He has also represented corporate clients in business tort actions and employment covenant disputes in state and federal court in North and South Carolina. Griffin holds a J.D. from George Washington University Law School and a B.A. (*cum laude*) from The Citadel.

Jackson

Mary Clay W. Morgan is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice as well as the Labor and Employment Practice. She has appeared before various state and federal courts in Mississippi, successfully trying cases to jury verdict. Morgan defends clients in a wide variety of matters, including cases involving product liability, mass torts, business torts and commercial contract disputes. She also

defends employers in a variety of employment litigation matters, including claims of discrimination, wrongful discharge, FLSA violations and other workplace-related cases. Morgan holds a J.D. (*magna cum laude*) from the University of Mississippi School of Law and a B.A. (*summa cum laude*) from Millsaps College.

Nashville

Amy D. Hampton is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice and represents hospitals, surgery centers, nursing homes, physicians and other health care providers in all types of litigation and dispute resolution, including medical malpractice and other professional negligence actions, administrative actions, regulatory compliance matters and managed care disputes. She regularly counsels health care providers regarding the handling of medical staff credentialing and peer review, operational issues and risk management. In addition to her health care litigation work, Hampton has defended commercial clients in negligence, product liability and other personal injury actions and in business disputes, including covenants not to compete, breach of contract and insurance coverage. She holds a J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and a B.S. from Valdosta State University.

About Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

Tracing its roots to 1871, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has more than 380 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.