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Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings Welcomes Kelly R. Blackwood to Environmental Practice

JACKSON, Miss. (October 12, 2010) – Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that Kelly R. Blackwood has joined the firm as an associate in the Environmental & Toxic Tort practice group. Ms. Blackwood joins the firm from Phelps Dunbar, where she served as an associate. She previously was a senior attorney with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

“Kelly is a very welcome addition to the firm and brings with her broad environmental experience, particularly in the area of regulatory enforcement and litigation,” said Margaret Oertling Cupples, managing partner of the Jackson office. “She adds significant strength to our environmental practice in Mississippi, and to the range of services we offer clients.”

Blackwood’s practice involves regulatory and litigation work with a wide range of experience in environmental permitting and enforcement matters. She has a strong working relationship with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and works regularly with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Blackwood has represented clients before Mississippi state courts, the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board. She has served as lead counsel in negotiating numerous enforcement settlements, and has routinely assisted with obtaining construction and operating permits and advising clients on associated compliance matters. Blackwood’s environmental practice also has included property acquisitions, due diligence matters, contaminated properties, brownfield redevelopment, natural resource damages, remediation and restoration, and wetlands assessments.

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Blackwood holds a J.D. from Mississippi College and a B.B.A. from the University of Mississippi. She is listed in *Chambers USA* in the category of Environment. Blackwood also has taught Environmental Law as an Adjunct Professor at the Mississippi College School of Law.

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