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Jonathan Skeeters Named Bradley's Managing Partner and Chairman of the Board; Dawn Helms Sharff Named Birmingham Office Managing Partner

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Sept. 12, 2018) – <u>Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP</u> is pleased to announce that <u>Jonathan M. Skeeters</u>, a partner in the firm's Nashville, Tenn., office, has been selected by the firm's Board as the new chairman and managing partner. In addition, <u>Dawn Helms Sharff</u>, who has been serving as interim chair, was named Office Managing Partner for the firm's Birmingham office.

The selection of Mr. Skeeters, who lives in Nashville, underscores Bradley's growing national presence. Of the firm's nine offices, the Nashville office is the second largest and located in one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. In addition, the firm continues to add attorneys across its footprint to meet clients' needs.

"I am honored by the firm's trust in my leadership. Bradley has a 150-year history of providing outstanding legal services and is a great place to practice law. Our firm's core values have shaped our culture and defined our character. We believe in helping our lawyers achieve their personal and professional goals, which establishes a trust within the firm, and promotes teamwork and innovation. I am excited to continue to empower our lawyers to deliver strategies and solutions that provide value to our clients and to carry forward this heritage of excellent client service," said Mr. Skeeters.

"Birmingham, our largest office and the headquarters for our administrative operations, is the foundation for so much of our history and success. Dawn's dynamic leadership there reinforces the firm's commitment to our roots, and further enhances our position in the Birmingham and Alabama legal communities," said Mr. Skeeters.

"Jon has been a well-respected and outstanding member of the firm's Board and has earned his new position through his dedicated commitment. He will ensure that Bradley continues to deliver the firm's highest standards of value, ethics, and professional excellence in the practice of law. We are excited about Bradley's future under his leadership," said Ms. Sharff.

"The firm's Birmingham office is one that is experiencing great growth, along with our city and state. The creation of the office managing partner position in Birmingham will allow us to continue strengthening our ties to the city and to our clients," continued Ms. Sharff.

Mr. Skeeters works with clients to implement their growth and development strategies by structuring, negotiating and closing complex business transactions. His experience includes advising publicly traded and privately held companies in the healthcare industry in mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, securities and corporate finance matters, joint ventures, strategic alliances, syndications, and pre-merger antitrust issues. Mr. Skeeters previously served on the firm's Board of Directors, Finance Committee, and Recruiting Committee.

Mr. Skeeters received his J.D., M.B.A. and B.A. from the University of Kentucky. He serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Adventure Science Center in Nashville.

Ms. Sharff also serves on Bradley's Board of Directors and has held other firm leadership positions. She represents public companies, privately held entities and individuals in all types of commercial real estate transactions, including the buying, selling, leasing and developing of commercial real estate nationwide. Her commercial real estate practice includes representation of developers of projects nationwide, as well as large companies that own and/or lease real estate assets across the United States as a part of their business operations. Ms. Sharff also has broad experience representing both lenders and borrowers in commercial lending transactions, with a particular emphasis on transactions involving commercial real estate. She represents a number of financial institutions on syndicated and non-syndicated construction loans, interim and permanent loans, corporate revolvers and term loan facilities, subscription facilities and other commercial financing transactions.

Ms. Sharff received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, and a B.S. from Birmingham-Southern College, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa. She is a Board Member and past Board Chair of Girls Inc. of Central Alabama.

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<u>Bradley</u> combines skilled legal counsel with exceptional client service and unwavering integrity to assist a diverse range of corporate and individual clients in achieving their business goals. With offices in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and the District of Columbia, the firm's over 500 lawyers represent regional, national and international clients in various industries, including financial services, healthcare, life sciences, real estate, construction, technology, energy, insurance, and entertainment, among many others.

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