

# Bradley Elevates 16 Attorneys to Partner or Counsel

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP is pleased to announce that 13 of the firm's attorneys have been elevated to partner and three attorneys have been elevated to counsel, effective Jan. 1. The new partners are Samuel T. Acker, Timothy L. Capria, Matthew S. DeAntonio, Evelyn McKinney Hill, Holly S. Hosford, Ryan J. Letson, Carly Miller, Spencer R. Mobley, Marc A. Nardone, Preston H. Neel, Keaton H. Osborne, Scott Schardt, and Brooke Vinson. The new counsel are Amy Elizabeth Garber, Amy Magdanz Rose, and Andrew R. Stubblefield.

Details about each attorney newly elevated to partner or counsel, grouped by office, are as follows:

## **Birmingham**

Hill is a member of the Corporate and Securities Practice Group. She focuses her practice on corporate mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and commercial law, as well as general business formation and counseling. Hill advises healthcare companies in corporate transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, and syndications of hospitals, physician practices, surgery centers and ancillary providers. Her practice also includes the representation of investment funds' debt and equity investments in healthcare and several other industries.

Hosford is a member of the Healthcare Practice Group. She represents numerous types of healthcare providers in a range of regulatory and transactional matters and in the litigation of healthcare-related issues. Her practice includes assisting clients with a variety of state and federal regulatory issues, including state certificate of need laws and compliance with federal and state regulatory issues, as well as compliance

with anti-kickback and self-referral laws.

A member of the Construction Practice Group, Miller represents clients in a variety of industries, with a focus on construction, government contracting and energy. Her practice involves the representation of owners, EPC contractors, general contractors and subcontractors on a variety of projects, both public and private, international and domestic. She has experience in construction disputes, in both litigation and arbitration, across the United States and abroad. Miller also advises construction clients in contract negotiation and contract administration during the performance of construction contracts.

Mobley is a member of the Banking and Financial Services Practice Group. He represents financial services clients throughout the country with a focus on resolving issues arising from the enforceability of mortgage liens and note obligations and borrower-driven litigation. He regularly provides counsel to lenders, mortgage servicers, and banks to help maximize recovery and mitigate mortgage loan losses through recoupment efforts involving title insurance, closing protection letters, mortgage insurance and the exercise of mortgage lien rights.

A member of the Litigation Practice Group, Neel provides litigation and regulatory compliance assistance to financial services clients across the country. He is one of a small number of lawyers who has earned an Accredited Mortgage Professional designation through the Mortgage Bankers Association. In litigation, Neel primarily represents clients in the residential mortgage space, including forward and reverse mortgage investors, originators and servicers. He has litigated cases involving a wide array of state, federal, and statutory law claims, including claims related to the FCRA, FDCPA, TILA, RESPA, RICO, TCPA, bankruptcy discharge violations, and state consumer protection violations.

Vinson is a member of the Corporate and Securities Practice Group. Her practice is focused on advising public and private clients, from start-ups to large corporations, in the areas of business formation, investment and financing transactions, securities compliance and other corporate matters. She primarily counsels privately held companies and private equity funds and their operating companies in formation, M&A, and corporate finance transactions, including securities offerings, divestitures, joint ventures and general corporate and securities law issues. She also advises clients on franchise matters, including business structure and legal and regulatory compliance.

### **Charlotte, N.C.**

DeAntonio is a member of the Franchise and Distribution Practice Group. A significant portion of his practice involves representing franchisors in litigation matters such as franchisee terminations and enforcement of post-termination covenants. He understands the unique relationship between franchisors and franchisees, and he works to help his clients build and strengthen their franchise systems. DeAntonio also litigates trademark infringement cases for both franchise and non-franchise clients. He is well-versed in representing his clients' trademark interests in administrative actions before the USPTO, preliminary injunction proceedings, jury trials and appeals.

### **Dallas**

Acker is a member of the Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses on business, commercial and securities litigation, and white-collar criminal defense. He routinely represents plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal court actions involving fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, and partnership and corporate governance disputes. A substantial portion of his practice has also been dedicated to representing broker-dealers and registered

representatives in FINRA arbitrations and regulatory inquiries with respect to alleged sales practice and supervisory violations.

A member of the Healthcare Practice Group, Schardt focuses his practice on a variety of regulatory matters affecting hospitals and healthcare providers, including Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Statute compliance, Medicare provider enrollment and reimbursement, 501(a) Physician Employment Organizations, HIPAA compliance, and healthcare facility and provider licensing. In addition, he actively represents healthcare providers as both purchasers and sellers in transactional matters, including mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures.

Stubblefield is a member of the Construction Practice Group. He has spent his career representing clients of every kind within the construction industry, including owners, contractors, design professionals, subcontractors, suppliers and sureties. Stubblefield has significant experience trying a variety of cases – in bench trials, jury trials, and arbitrations – that run the gamut from small residential matters to large-scale defect and contract cases.

### **Huntsville, Ala.**

Letson is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group. His practice focuses on matters involving IP and technology. He handles patent and trademark prosecution before the USPTO, and he represents clients in proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Letson also assists clients in disputes involving patents and other IP matters in federal and state courts. His technical experience covers a wide range of areas, and includes computer hardware and software, electronics, data communication networks, autonomous vehicles, electromechanical devices, payment processing and e-commerce systems, biometric sensors and structural systems.

## **Nashville, Tenn.**

A member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group, Capria focuses his practice on acquiring IP, patent opinion practice and enforcing IP rights. He manages international trademark portfolios, each consisting of hundreds of trademarks worldwide. Capria advises clients in efficient and effective monitoring and enforcement of trademark rights, including navigating protection and strategies in popular online marketplaces. He helps clients with brand selection and clearance and assists clients in obtaining trademark registrations in the U.S. and abroad, and he has successfully represented clients in over a dozen Trademark Trial and Appeal Board proceedings.

Osborne is a member of the Banking and Financial Services Practice Group. He focuses his practice on commercial finance and intellectual property. In his commercial finance practice, he assists lenders and borrowers in a variety of commercial lending transactions, such as acquisition financings, asset-based loans, and real estate development and construction loans. He also counsels clients on trademark clearance, registration and enforcement in a variety of industries.

## **Washington, D.C.**

Garber is a member of the Construction Practice Group. She focuses her practice on construction and government contracts, and she has significant experience in commercial litigation. Garber has represented and counseled contractors in cases involving federal and state Miller Act and complex payment disputes, and effected removal, settlement, and/or dismissal of various claims. She has also drafted construction contracts and subcontracts by tailoring standard documents to meet client needs, and counseled clients on complex government contract issues.

A member of the Litigation Practice Group, Nardone has

extensive experience drafting pleadings, discovery, and motions in constitutional litigation involving the Second Amendment. He has co-authored merits briefs before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, as well as numerous amicus briefs before various federal courts of appeals. Nardone also has experience representing clients in insurance disputes.

Rose is a member of the Banking and Financial Services Practice Group. She represents clients who are members of the financial services industry on state and federal compliance matters involving residential and commercial mortgage lenders, brokers, servicers, consumer financial companies, money transmitters, and debt collectors. She assists clients in achieving licensing goals and maintaining licensing status on the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System.