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Balch & Bingham LLP a Super Lawyer Leader
Firm Well-Recognized in Annual Survey of Outstanding Attorneys

(Birmingham) Balch & Bingham LLP is among the leaders of the pack of southeastern law firms with 30 attorneys duly recognized by *Super Lawyers of Alabama* magazine. *Super Lawyers* is published annually in all fifty states, and recognizes outstanding lawyers in practice for at least five years. The publication invites members of the various state bars nationwide to participate, this year inviting 800,000 lawyers to nominate and participate in their survey. Lawyers may nominate within their firm, but an outside of firm nomination of the same lawyer is also required. Lawyers may not self-nominate.

The independent research firm of *Law & Politics* tallies the survey results, and then *Super Lawyers* recognizes those attorneys with the highest cumulative scores, as selected by their peers. Honorees need not be in private practice, as prosecutors, legal aid attorneys and in-house counsel are also eligible.

Michael L. Edwards and David R. Boyd were named as “Top Fifty” attorneys in Alabama.

Balch & Bingham LLP, headquartered in Birmingham, ranked among the highest in terms of the number of lawyers included, as well as the percentage of the entire firm represented among *Super Lawyers*:

S. Allen Baker, Jr., Personal Injury Defense: Products, Business Litigation, Construction Litigation

R. Bruce Barze, Jr., Business Litigation, Environmental Litigation, Personal Injury Defense: Products

Walter M. Beale, Jr., Business/Corporate, Securities & Corporate Finance

M. Stanford Blanton, Energy & Natural Resources, Government Relations, Administrative Law

H. Hampton Boles, Banking

David R. Boyd, Business Litigation, Employment Litigation: Defense, Appellate

James A. Bradford, Real Estate, Business Litigation, Eminent Domain

James A. Byram, Jr., Environmental Litigation, Business Litigation, Eminent Domain

J. Foster Clark, Bonds/Government Finance

James Edwards, Real Estate, Business/Corporate, Land Use/Zoning

Michael Edwards, Business Litigation

J. Thomas Francis, Jr., Bonds/Government Finance

James Hughey, Jr., Business/Corporate

Cavender C. Kimble, Insurance Coverage, Health Care, Class Action/Mass Torts

Randolph H. Lanier, Real Estate

W. Joseph McCorkle, Jr., Business Litigation

Dan H. McCrary, Energy & Natural Resources, Utilities

Steven G. McKinney, Environmental

Charles B. Paterson, Employment & Labor

Alan T. Rogers, Business Litigation

William H. Satterfield, Environmental

William E. Shanks, Jr., Employee Benefits/ERISA, Estate Planning & Probate

Felton W. Smith, Real Estate

Timothy J. Tracy, Business/Corporate

Will Hill Tankersley, Jr., Intellectual Property, Antitrust Litigation, Business Litigation

Michael D. Waters, Banking

W. Clark Watson, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights

Lois Woodward, Banking

William S. Wright, Real Estate

Lee H. Zell, Business Litigation

FIRM OVERVIEW: Founded in 1922, Balch & Bingham LLP is one of the largest law firms in Alabama with six offices in Birmingham and Montgomery, Gulfport and Jackson, Mississippi, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Balch & Bingham LLP serves a diverse group of clients in business and litigation matters.

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