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**Majority of Ellis Lawhorne Shareholders Selected to Best Lawyers in America®**

COLUMBIA, S.C., September 9, 2011– For the second year in a row, Ellis Lawhorne is pleased to announce that two-thirds of its shareholders have been selected to *Best Lawyers in America*®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the country. Thirteen of the firm’s 19 shareholders, and all four of the firm’s practice groups are included in the 2012 edition.

The Ellis Lawhorne attorneys were selected out of more than 3.9 million entries nationwide. The *Best Lawyers* lists, representing 80 specialties in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., are compiled through an exhaustive peer-review survey in which thousands of the top lawyers in the United States confidentially evaluate their professional peers.

All five of the Firm’s shareholders in the Workers’ Compensation Practice Group were honored by 2012 *Best Lawyers*: F. Earl Ellis, Jr., William R. Harbison, Ernest G. Lawhorne, Mary Sowell League and Lana H. Sims, Jr. This makes the seventeenth consecutive year Ellis has been selected by *Best Lawyers*.

The three shareholders with the Firm’s Trusts and Estates Practice Group were also selected by *Best Lawyers*: Rita Bragg Cullum, David G. Sojourner, Jr. and Karen Hudson Thomas. Ms. Cullum received additional recognition in the area of trusts and estates litigation.

In the Business, Real Estate and Finance Practice Group, William O. Higgins and William P. McElveen, Jr., were honored for their work in real estate law. Robert P. Bethea, Jr. was selected for his work in mergers and acquisitions law and tax law.

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From the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group, John L. McCants was recognized for his work in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law, construction litigation, and bankruptcy litigation. W. Cliff Moore, III, was noted for his work in commercial litigation and real estate litigation.

“These accolades reflect the quality and diversity of the legal counsel we provide to our clients,” said Tommy Little, executive director of Ellis Lawhorne. “It’s always rewarding to be recognized by your peers and to have so many of our attorneys highlighted is an honor. Year after year our team continues to excel.”

To learn more about the Firm’s lawyers and their practice areas, please visit [www.ellislawhorne.com](http://www.ellislawhorne.com).

**About Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A.**

Established in 1980, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., is considered one of South Carolina’s premier business law firms. Located in Columbia, the Firm serves regional and national corporate and individual clients in four main practice groups: Business, Real Estate and Finance, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Trusts and Estates, and Workers’ Compensation.

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