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Bradley Arant expands Huntsville, Alabama team

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(Reuters) - Bradley Arant Boult Cummings has expanded its Huntsville, Alabama office by bringing on board the former co-chair of the bankruptcy and restructuring group at Maynard Cooper & Gale.

Kevin Gray, 45, joined Bradley in September and will add to Bradley's real estate, bankruptcy and banking teams, while expanding the lending practice with his experience in bankruptcy litigation.

At Maynard, he represented lenders such as PNC Financial Services, real estate developers in medical, office, hotel, government and retail projects, as well as creditors. Gray represented developer O&S Holdings in the \$500 million Bridge Street Town Centre project in Huntsville.

Gray follows a number of other former Maynard Cooper partners to Bradley, including bankruptcy partner Julia Gruenewald Bernstein, who works in the firm's Birmingham office.

Within Bradley's bankruptcy practice, Gray said he will continue to represent government agencies and defense contractors. Huntsville has long been home to aerospace and defense firms, including Lockheed Martin Corp, Boeing Co and Raytheon Co.

Gray said he will bring a number of his former banking and real estate clients to Bradley from Maynard Cooper, which he joined in 2007.

Huntsville's population has grown nearly 20 percent since 2000, creating demand for multifamily residences, retail space and redevelopment, and Gray said he expects growth in Bradley's real estate work.

Bradley has 500 lawyers in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia, while Maynard Cooper has about 230 lawyers in six offices.

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