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Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Hires New Associates

Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce John Thomas “J.T.” Malatesta III, Joe F. Lassiter III, and Wyndall A. Ivey as its newest associates, according to Fournier J. (“Boots”) Gale, III, Managing Partner of the law firm.

John Thomas "J.T." Aquinas Malatesta, III, is currently practicing in the firm's General Litigation practice group. Malatesta graduated *cum laude* from Washington & Lee University with a B.S. in accounting and business administration. In 2004, he graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law where he served as the Articles Editor of the *Virginia Tax Review* and was a member of the *Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*. He is a member of the New York State Bar and the Alabama State Bar. Prior to attending law school, Malatesta played one season of professional football in Europe. Mr. Malatesta has also successfully passed the Certified Public Accountant's exam.

Joe F. Lassiter, III is currently practicing in the firm's Corporate and Securities practice areas. Lassiter received a B.S. in Finance from Auburn University in 1997 and then graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2002. While in law school, he was the recipient of the Dean M. Leigh Harrison Award, was a Hugo Black Scholar, a research assistant for Dean Charles Gamble, a member of Order of the Coif, a Senior Articles Editor for the *Alabama Law Review* and a recipient of both the Maurice F. Bishop Scholarship and the Farrah Law Society Scholarship. Lassiter is admitted to practice in Alabama and Florida. Prior to attending law school, he was an information technology consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP.

Wyndall A. Ivey is currently practicing in the firm's Labor and Employment practice group and his primary practice area consists of representing management in all types of employment disputes. Ivey received his B. S. degree in Marketing, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1996. While receiving his undergraduate degree, he was elected by the student body to

serve as the President of the Student Government Association. Ivey was admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1999, after receiving his Juris Doctorate from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1999. While at Washington & Lee, Ivey served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Journal*, was a member of the Moot Court Board and was the recipient of the Dean Randall P. Bezanson Award. He has tried cases in Federal and State Courts and before State Administrative bodies. Currently, Ivey serves as an Administrative Law Judge with the State Health Planning and Development Agency. For a three month period in 2002, Ivey served as one of Montgomery County's temporary Probate Judges. Ivey has also served as Counsel to the Alabama House of Representatives Public Safety Committee, where he reviewed proposed legislation. In addition, he served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Montgomery County Bar Association and chaired its Grievance Committee. Ivey is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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