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Mark L. Drew Named to Advisory Board for the Southeastern Managing Partner Forum

Board Helps Create Program Focusing on Key Issues Affecting Law Firms in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee

(Birmingham, AL) - Mark L. Drew of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. has been named to the Southeastern Advisory Board for The Managing Partner Forum, one of the nation's most comprehensive programs specifically designed to address and solve the challenges of running a successful and profitable law firm.

The forum will hold its first Southeastern Conference on June 7 at the Capital City Club in Atlanta. "The advisory board is a diverse group of 17 select managing partners from law firms of different sizes, locations and practice areas," said John Remsen, Jr., President & CEO of The Managing Partner Forum. "Their recommendations regarding topics and program format add value and help us present the best agenda possible. So in fact, The Forum is a high-level idea exchange for managers designed by their peers." Based on highly successful programs in Florida and Texas, The Southeastern Forum provides invaluable insights on management issues and offers unique peer networking opportunities. The full-day event is expected to attract more than 100 managing partners and leaders representing top law firms with ten or more attorneys from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Growth strategies, law firm mergers, firm governance, compensation plans, firm culture, team networking, recruiting, marketing and diversity issues are among the issues that will be discussed at The Forum. The opening session will focus on the results of the pre-Forum survey that examined the increasingly important role of the managing partner in leading a successful law firm. The participants will learn how their individual leadership style compares to others at firms of similar size in the region.

Drew is a shareholder in the Birmingham office of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., and a member of the firm's Corporate/Securities and Banking practice groups. He focuses primarily in the areas

of mergers and acquisitions, venture capital financings and related corporate activities and transactions. Drew regularly represents both public and private companies in a variety of matters and also has significant experience representing financial institutions.

Drew graduated *cum laude* from Wake Forest University School of Law where he served on the Wake Forest Law Review. He is a member of the Birmingham Bar Association, the State Bar of Alabama, and the American Bar Association. Drew has served in various leadership positions within the American Bar Association, including serving on the Cabinet and as a Director of the ABA/YLD and as the liaison to the Business Law Section. Drew is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

The Birmingham-based law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., with more than 140 attorneys, offers a full array of legal services to a broad and diverse client base consisting of Fortune 500 companies as well as closely held companies, partnerships, professional associations, charities and individuals.

Maynard, Cooper & Gale is Alabama's only member of Lex Mundi, an international association of more than 140 widely recognized independent law firms, which by membership gives the firm access to the very best in local legal expertise throughout the world. The firm is also Alabama's only member of the Southern Law Network, a regional network of independent law firms. For more information, visit www.maynardcooper.com.

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