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**Nine Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Lawyers and Four Practice Groups Listed In  
*CHAMBERS USA 2005, America's Leading Lawyers for Business***

**Birmingham, Ala.** – Nine lawyers from Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. were ranked as leading lawyers in Alabama in the latest edition of *Chambers USA 2005, America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Copyright 2005 by Chambers and Partners Publishing, of London, England). Maynard, Cooper also received rankings in all four practice areas listed in the *Chambers USA 2005* directory. The four practice areas covered in the directory include: 1) Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions; 2) Employment: Mainly Defendant; 3) General Commercial Litigation; and 4) Real Estate.

This year nine Maynard, Cooper & Gale lawyers were cited in the directory for special recognition in their areas of practice. Out of the 23 Alabama lawyers cited in the Employment Litigation (Mainly Defendant) practice area, five Maynard Cooper lawyers were included: Stephen E. Brown, David M. Smith, Chris Mitchell, Carol Sue Nelson and Jeffrey A. Lee. In addition, three Maynard, Cooper lawyers, Gregory S. Curran, Mark L. Drew and Christopher B. Harmon, were ranked as leading attorneys in the Corporate/M&A practice area. Also, Robert R. Sexton was noted as leading attorney in the area of Real Estate law.

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