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Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Partner Speaking at Southern Federal Tax Institute

Birmingham, AL - Daniel H. Markstein, III, a partner in the law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., will speak on "Succession Planning for Family Businesses" at the 40th annual Southern Federal Tax Institute on September 29, 2005 from 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. Dennis I. Belcher of McGuireWoods, LLP, Richmond, Virginia, will join Mr. Markstein in the presentations. Mr. Markstein and Mr. Belcher will review the most effective processes to effect succession planning (pre-mortem and post-mortem) and the substantive issues and challenges facing family businesses. The Southern Federal Tax Institute program will be held September 26-30, 2005 at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Markstein is a member of the firm's Tax, Estates and Trusts, Charitable Foundations, Tax-Exempt Organizations, General Corporate, and Executive Compensation practice groups. He is currently a Regent, a member of the Executive Committee, and the Vice President of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, and a Trustee of the American Institute on Federal Taxation. He is a former member of the governing boards of the Eye Foundation, Inc., the International Retinal Research Foundation, the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Legal Aid Society of Birmingham, Lex Mundi, Ltd., and the University of Alabama Federal Tax Clinic. He is also the former president of the Estate Planning Council of Birmingham. He has authored articles for various publications and has lectured frequently at continuing legal education seminars throughout the nation. Mr. Markstein is also listed in the *Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006* (Corporate law, Tax law, Trusts and Estates) for the 20th consecutive year.

The Southern Federal Tax Institute, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized for the exclusive purpose of developing and presenting annually a professional institute covering current federal tax problems and issues at the post-graduate level. The program is designed for the practitioner who must frequently anticipate and handle federal tax matters. Emphasis is placed on subjects which are new and current, including in-depth coverage of recent developments and problems which often prove difficult in planning clients' affairs and transactions. The speakers are tax practitioners and scholars from every section of the

country. Each speaker has been selected based on his or her competence on the subject matter and the ability to communicate ably and clearly.

The Birmingham-based law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., with more than 145 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.

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