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MAYNARD, COOPER & GALE, P.C. HIRES FIVE NEW LAWYERS

Birmingham, Ala. - Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce Christopher Charles Frost, Robert Harris Fowlkes, Brett Andrew Ialacci, Angela Boothe Noel and Kem L. Marks as its newest associates, according to Fournier J. ("Boots") Gale, III, Managing Partner of the firm.

Christopher Charles Frost is currently practicing in the firm's General Litigation and the Products Liability practice groups. Frost graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama with a B.A. in English Literature in 1994 and graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Georgia Law School in 2004. While in law school, he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Georgia Law Review* and elected to the Order of the Coif. After graduating from law school, Frost served as a law clerk to Chief Judge J. L. Edmondson of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He is admitted to practice in Alabama and before The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Prior to law school, Frost served over seven years as a commissioned officer and attack helicopter pilot in the United States Army.

Robert Harris Fowlkes is currently practicing in the firm's General Litigation practice group. Fowlkes graduated *cum laude* from the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Finance in 1997 and graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2005. While in law school, he was elected to the Order of the Coif, was a Hugo Black Scholar, a Dean M. Leigh Harrison Award recipient and the Articles Editor for the *Alabama Law Review*. Fowlkes is admitted to practice in Alabama.

Brett Andrew Ialacci is currently practicing in the firm's Mergers and Acquisitions and Commercial and Real Estate Lending practice groups. Ialacci graduated from Davidson College with a B.A. in History in 2002. In 2005, he graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law. While in law school, he served as the Articles Editor for the *Alabama Law Review*. Ialacci is admitted to practice in Alabama.

Angela Boothe Noel is currently practicing in the firm's Commercial Lending and Real Estate practice groups. Noel graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Finance in 2002. In 2005, she graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law. While in law school, she served as Articles Editor for the *Alabama Law Review*, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and was a Hugo Black Scholar. Noel was also a member of the Farrah Law Society and a M. Leigh Harrison Scholarship recipient. Noel is admitted to practice in Alabama.

Kem L. Marks is currently practicing in the firm's Securities Litigation and General Litigation practice groups. Marks graduated from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1995 with a B.A. in English and a B.A. in Communication. Then in 1999, she received her law degree from the Cumberland School of Law. Marks is admitted to practice in Florida, Alabama and before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Prior to joining the firm, Marks was employed by Miami Children's Hospital, where she was responsible for ensuring the hospital's compliance with all federal, state and regulatory guidelines and accreditation standards.

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