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**Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Partner Elected President-elect of
American College of Trust and Estate Counsel**

Birmingham, Ala.- Daniel H. Markstein, III, a partner in the law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. was elected President-elect of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Maui, HI. As President-elect, Markstein's duties will include presiding over meetings of the state chairs and attending the nine regional meetings and some of the state meetings. Markstein will then assume the presidency of ACTEC on March 12, 2007 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Markstein is a shareholder of Maynard, Cooper & Gale and a member of the firm's Tax, Estates and Trusts and Corporate and Executive Compensation practice groups. He is currently a Regent and a member of the Executive Committee 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. Markstein 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 and a former member of its Executive Committee. He has authored articles for various publications and has lectured frequently at continuing legal education seminars throughout the nation. Markstein is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America 2006* (Corporate law, Tax law, Trusts and Estates) for the 21st consecutive year.

The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel is a professional association consisting of approximately 2,600 lawyers from throughout the United States, Canada, and other American jurisdictions. Fellows of the College are nominated by other Fellows in their geographic area

and are elected by the membership at large. A lawyer cannot apply for membership in the College. Fellows are selected on the basis of professional reputation and ability in the fields of trusts and estates and on the basis of having made substantial contributions to these fields through lecturing, writing, teaching and bar activities.

The purposes of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel are to maintain an association, international in scope, of lawyers skilled and experienced in the preparation of wills and trusts; estate planning; probate procedure and administration of trusts and estates of decedents, minors and incompetents; to improve and reform probate, trust and tax laws, procedures, and professional responsibility, to bring together qualified lawyers whose character and ability will contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the College; and to cooperate with bar associations and other organizations with similar purposes. The College is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California.

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.

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 high quality 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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