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**Maynard Cooper Listed as “Go-To” Law Firm®
for America’s Biggest Companies**

Birmingham, Ala. – In a recent survey of the Top 500 U.S. Companies by *Corporate Counsel* magazine, Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. was chosen as a “Go-To” Law Firm® in the area of Labor and Employment. The results of the survey will be published in the May 15, 2006 issue of *Fortune* magazine in addition to being published in *Corporate Counsel’s Directory for In-House Counsel* in January of 2006.

Corporate Counsel magazine asks the General Counsel at each of the Top 500 U.S. Companies (for its annual “Who Represents America’s Biggest Companies?” survey) which outside law firms they turn to for assistance in the following six practice areas: Litigation, Corporate Transactions, Labor and Employment, Intellectual Property, Corporate Governance and European Union. *Corporate Counsel* states that the chosen firms are referred to as “Go-To” Law Firms®, a rare honor bestowed upon less than one-half of one percent of all the law firms in the U.S. and abroad. A firm cannot pay to be included in this list, but must possess the fundamental credentials of having been named a “Go-To” Law Firm®.

Devoted exclusively to the representation of management in all aspects of labor and employment law, Maynard Cooper's Labor and Employment Group currently consists of 16 lawyers, six of whom have been recognized as among the best in their profession by *the Best Lawyers in America* and/or *Chambers USA – America’s Leading Business Lawyers*. The firm’s labor and employment law practice is among the largest and most experienced in the Southeast. The contact persons for the Labor and Employment group are Stephen E. Brown and David M. Smith.

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Maynard Cooper 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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