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**H. Thomas Wells, Jr. Selected to be  
Fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers**

**Birmingham, AL** --- H. Thomas Wells, Jr., an attorney with Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., was selected to be a Fellow in the *International Academy of Trial Lawyers*.

Membership in the Academy is limited to 500 Fellows from the United States. The qualifications for membership are very high and the consideration of nominees is very extensive and thorough. Outstanding skills and extensive experience as a trial lawyer, unimpeachable personal and professional character, integrity and honesty, are but a few of the necessary qualities of every nominee. Mr. Wells has been evaluated by his colleagues and the judges in his jurisdiction and has been highly recommended as possessing outstanding qualifications and characteristics.

The International Academy of Trial Lawyers was chartered in 1954. In general, its purpose is to cultivate the science of jurisprudence, promote reforms in the law, facilitate the Administration of Justice, promote the Rule of Law internationally, elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession.

Wells is a founding shareholder in the Birmingham office of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. and a member of the Product Liability, Environmental and Toxic Tort, and Litigation practice groups. He has served as the Alabama State Delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and was elected as its Chair for 2002-2004, the second highest office in the ABA. Wells is also listed in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Environmental Law. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1972 and the University of Alabama School of Law in 1975.

While in law school, Wells was selected as Outstanding Senior Editor for the *Alabama Law Review* and elected to the Order of the Coif and the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence.

Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., was founded in 1984 and in its short but dynamic history has grown to over 150 attorneys, emerging as a leading law firm in Alabama as well as the Southeast. The Birmingham-based law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. 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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