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**Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Receives High Rankings in
*Chambers USA 2006***

Birmingham, Ala. – Twelve lawyers from Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. were listed as leading lawyers in Alabama in the latest edition of *Chambers USA 2006, America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (Copyright 2006 by Chambers and Partners Publishing, of London, England). Maynard Cooper also received rankings in all five practice areas listed in the *Chambers USA 2006* directory. The five practice areas covered in the directory include: 1) Banking and Finance; 2) Employment: Mainly Defendant; 3) Litigation: General Commercial; 4) Corporate/Commercial and 5) Real Estate.

This year twelve Maynard Cooper lawyers are cited in the directory for special recognition in their areas of practice. Maynard Cooper has five attorneys listed in the area of Employment Litigation: David M. Smith, Chris Mitchell, Jeffrey A. Lee, Stephen E. Brown and Carol Sue Nelson. In addition, three Maynard Cooper lawyers, Gregory S. Curran, Mark L. Drew and Christopher B. Harmon, were hailed as leading attorneys in the Corporate/Commercial practice area. In Real Estate, Robert R. Sexton and Thomas C. Clark are touted as leaders while Lee E. Bains, Jr. is listed in the area of Litigation: General Commercial. In addition, in the new category of Banking & Finance, Randall H. Morrow is noted as an Alabama leader.

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