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Wells Announced as Practitioner-In-Residence at University Of Alabama School Of Law

Birmingham, Ala. - Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce that H. Thomas Wells has been named Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence for the University of Alabama School of Law for Fall 2006. Wells will return to his undergraduate and law school alma mater to offer his veteran expertise and perspective to students. While in law school, Wells was Senior Editor of the *Alabama Law Review* and a member of the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence and Order of the Coif.

Wells is a founding shareholder of Maynard Cooper and member of the firm's Class Action Litigation, Complex Litigation, Environmental Litigation and Regulatory Compliance, General Litigation and Product Liability practice groups. His trial practice concentrates on complex mass tort, environmental and product liability cases, often handling the defense of class actions or mass consolidated cases throughout the South. Wells has handled cases in Alabama, Virginia, California, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi and the District of Columbia. He has argued cases in the Fifth, Eleventh and D.C. Circuits, and one case in the United States Supreme Court.

Wells holds the distinction of being one of only five attorneys in Alabama listed in the *International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers*. Wells is also listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®. As an active member of the American Bar Association, he was selected by his peers three times to serve as the Alabama State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. In addition, he is the immediate past Chair of the ABA House of Delegates, the second highest office in the ABA. In 1999-2000, Wells served as the Chair of the ABA Section of Litigation, the largest section in the ABA.

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