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STEPHEN W. STILL JOINS FEDERATION OF REGULATORY COUNSEL

Birmingham, Ala. - Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce that Stephen W. Still was admitted to the membership into the Federation of Regulatory Counsel (“FORC”). Still is the only attorney in Alabama who is a member of the FORC. “This is a great achievement for Steve and it will allow him to better serve our clients,” says Fournier J. Gale, III, Chairman of the firm’s Executive Committee.

Still serves as chair of Maynard Cooper’s Governmental and Regulatory Affairs practice group. This practice group is responsible for representing clients before legislative, regulatory, and governmental bodies, including the U.S. Congress, departments and agencies of the federal government, the Alabama State Legislature and departments and agencies of state and local government. Still has extensive experience working in Washington, D.C., Montgomery, Alabama and numerous other states. He served as Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Torchmark Corporation for nine years where he managed all federal, state and local government affairs for the company. Prior to joining Torchmark, Still served as Associate Vice President of Sonat for ten years where he also managed all corporate governmental affairs activities. Thus, Still has the unique experience of managing the governmental affairs operations for two of the largest publicly held corporations headquartered in Alabama.

The FORC is a nation-wide association of attorneys who specialize in the arena of insurance regulatory law. In order to be considered for membership, an applicant must be a lawyer in good standing, with at least five years of experience in insurance regulatory law, and must spend more than fifty percent of his or her time on insurance regulatory matters. Each member is recommended in writing by three insurance industry executives from unrelated companies who have attested to their skill and competency.

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