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Three New Associates Join Maynard Cooper & Gale, P.C.

Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce that Abigail Hood Avery, Lauren Copper DeMoss and Casey Collins Graves have joined the firm as associates. Avery joins the Labor and Employment group, DeMoss practices with the Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation group and Graves works in the Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Rights group. With the addition of the 2006 fall class of associates, the firm now has a total of 160 attorneys.

Abigail Hood Avery has joined the firm's Labor and Employment practice group. In May of this year, she graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law where she served as the Articles Editor of the *Alabama Law Review*. While in law school, Avery served on the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board and the Jessup International Moot Court Team; the team placed first in its regional competition and represented the South Central region in the international competition in Washington DC. She was also a member of the Bench and Bar Legal Honorary Society and Order of the Barristers. Before entering law school, Avery graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in 2002 with a B.A. in History. In college, she was the president of Chi Omega sorority and a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Order of Omega honor societies.

Lauren Copper DeMoss practices in the firm's Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation group. This past May DeMoss graduated *cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law where she was on the Managing Board of the *Alabama Law Review*. While in law school, DeMoss was elected to Order of the Barristers, a member of the Bench & Bar Legal Honor Society, a Student Bar Association Senator, and a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board. DeMoss received the Judge Walter P. Gerwin Best Brief Award and the Ruben L. Wright Best Oral Advocate Award during the final round of the Campbell Moot Court Competition. DeMoss was also a member of the Jessup International Moot Court Team. The team placed first in its regional competition and represented the South Central region in the international competition at Washington DC; DeMoss received a second place oral advocate award while at the regional competition. Prior to law school, she attended Rhodes College on a Presidential

Scholarship and graduated *cum laude* in 2003 with a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration. While at Rhodes College, DeMoss was the president of Chi Omega sorority, a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon and Order of Omega honor societies, and on the National Dean's List.

Casey Collins Graves has joined the firm's Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Rights practice group. Graves attended Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, where she received her Juris Doctorate in 2006. While at the Cumberland School of Law, Graves was President of the Cumberland Student Bar Association and an Associate Editor of the *Cumberland Law Review*. She was also on the Dean's List and selected as a Caruthers Fellow. Graves graduated from Boston College with a B.A. in History in 2003. She was on the Dean's List, a member of Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, and a member of the Jenks Leadership Program while attending Boston College.

The Birmingham-based law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., with 160 attorneys, 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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