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Five New Associates Join Maynard Cooper's Litigation Practice

Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce five new associates have joined its Litigation practice: Bryan A. Coleman, Thomas G. DeLawrence, Tiffany Threlkeld Leonard, J. Ethan McDaniel and Donald F. Winningham III. With the addition of the fall class of associates, the firm now has a total of 160 attorneys.

Bryan A. Coleman is practicing in the firm's Litigation practice group. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law, *summa cum laude*, in 2005. During law school, Coleman was both the Junior and Internet Editor of the *Alabama Law Review*, as well as a member of the Campbell Moot Court Board and the Jessup International Moot Court Team. He was also elected to the Order of the Coif and received the Leigh Harrison Award and the Hugo L. Black Scholar Award. Before attending law school, Coleman received his B.S. in Management from the United States Military Academy in 1995. Coleman has held several military positions, including executive officer, flight platoon leader, and instructor pilot. He was on the Commandant's List for Academic, Athletic, and Military Excellence and has received various military honors such as Meritorious Service and Army Commendation medals. Prior to joining Maynard Cooper, Coleman served as a law clerk to the Honorable Karon O. Bowdre of the U.S. District Court.

Thomas G. DeLawrence is practicing in the firm's Environmental Litigation and Regulatory Compliance practice group. DeLawrence graduated *cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2006. During law school, he was the Senior Editor of the *Journal of the Legal Profession*, a member of the Environmental Law Society, Secretary of the Defense Lawyers' Association, and a Senator in the Student Bar Association. DeLawrence graduated *cum laude* from Birmingham-Southern College in 2001. While he was at Birmingham-Southern, DeLawrence was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and the school's tennis team.

Tiffany Threlkeld Leonard practices in the firm's Insurance Litigation and General Litigation practice groups. Prior to joining the firm, Leonard received a full tuition scholarship to the University of Alabama School of Law, where she graduated in 2006. While attending law school, she served as Editor of the *Law & Psychology Review* and was a 2006 National Semi-Finalist for the Robert Wagner Labor and Employment Moot Court Competition. Leonard served in various leadership roles during law school that included being Secretary of the Bench & Bar Legal Honor Society, a Representative on the Student Diversity and Academic Support Faculty Committee and the Secretary for the Black Law Students Association. Leonard received the Diversity Outstanding Service Award and the Community Service Award from the Black Law Students Association. She also received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama and was a National Achievement Scholar, Presidential Scholar, and in the University Honors Program. In addition, Leonard was a member of the XXXI Women's Leadership Honorary Society, Capstone Men and Women, Secretary of the New College Student Council and a Senator for the Student Government Association.

J. Ethan McDaniel practices in the firm's Insurance, Complex Litigation, and General Litigation groups. McDaniel attended the University of Alabama School of Law, where he graduated *summa cum laude* in 2006 and was elected to the Order of the Coif. While in law school, he received the Dean M. Leigh Harrison Award, the Judge Leon McCord Memorial Scholarship, and the Excellence in the Study of Federal Jurisdiction Award. McDaniel was an Articles Editor and member of the Managing Board of the *Alabama Law Review*. He was also a member of the Bench & Bar Legal Honor Society, the Alpha Epsilon Lambda Graduate Student Honor Society, the Federalist Society, and the Christian Legal Society. McDaniel received his B.A. in Economics from Vanderbilt University in 2002. At Vanderbilt, he received the James Robins Memorial Scholarship, was a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society, and was named to the Dean's List and the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll. He was also a letterman on Vanderbilt's Varsity Football Team and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Donald F. Winningham III is currently working as a new litigation associate at the firm. In May of this year, Winningham received his Juris Doctorate from Washington and Lee School of Law, where he was a staff writer for the *Washington and Lee Law Review*. Winningham was also a student clerk for the Honorable G. Steven Agee, Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and a co-director of Law School Intramural Activities while at Washington and Lee. He has also served as a legislative intern for Representative Phillip Pinion, Chairman of the Transportation Committee Tennessee General Assembly. In 2003, Winningham graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Tennessee-Martin with a B.S.

in Political Science and History. While at the University of Tennessee-Martin, Winningham received the Tennessee Historical Commission Award for Graduating History Major and the Outstanding Political Science Student Award. He was a member of both the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Political Science Honor Society, and Kappa Alpha Order.

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