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Maynard Cooper's Strategic Initiatives Include Next Generation of Leadership

Birmingham, Ala. – After 22 1/2 years of tremendous success, Maynard Cooper is implementing strategic initiatives to support its growth and prepare for the future. These initiatives include the founding members of the firm passing on much of the leadership to the next generation. In 1984, Maynard Cooper was founded by 26 attorneys. Today the firm has 160 attorneys that serve local clients as well as serving as national counsel for Fortune 250 companies. Members of the firm include the Alabama State Bar President, the President of the Birmingham Bar Association and a past president of the American Bar Association.

The firm's new Managing Partner, Mark Drew, is the first Managing Partner who was not a founding partner of the firm. Drew is a partner in the firm's Corporate, Tax and Securities Law practice group. As Managing Partner, he will be responsible for the overall strategic direction and administrative functions of the firm though he is quick to state, "Serving my clients will continue to be my number one priority." Fournier J. "Boots" Gale III, the firm's former Managing Partner, will now serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

In addition, the firm has recently added significantly to its administrative support personnel. Kim Russell has been named Chief Operating Officer. Russell brings with him over 20 years of law firm management experience. His most recent position was COO of Ice Miller LLP, a 250 lawyer firm in Indianapolis, Indiana. Scott Barringer has been named Controller and brings over 13 years of accounting experience to the firm. Maynard Cooper has also continued to grow and enhance individual practice groups to provide more expertise, depth and resources to its clients.

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.

Maynard, Cooper & Gale is Alabama's only member of Lex Mundi, an international association of more than 140 widely recognized independent law firms, which by membership gives the firm access to high quality local legal expertise throughout the world. The firm is also Alabama's only member of the Southern Law Network, a regional network of independent law firms. For more information, visit www.maynardcooper.com.