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SEVIER PRESENTED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD BY BIRMINGHAM BAR

Birmingham, Ala. – The Birmingham Bar Association presented the L. Burton Barnes, III 2005 Public Service Award to Kirby Sevier on Friday, December 16 at its annual meeting. The award was established in 1994 to recognize one or more members of the Birmingham Bar Association who have given freely of their time and energy in public service for the benefit and betterment of the general public. “Kirby has a history of giving almost unmatched by any other member of our bar association. He has mentored several inner-city children and spent countless hours working for the betterment of those less privileged,” states W. Lee Thuston, Immediate Past President of the Birmingham Bar Association.

Kirby Sevier was nominated by the shareholders of the law firm at which he practices, Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Sevier is a shareholder and founding partner of Maynard Cooper. He has practiced for the last twenty-one years in the firm’s Trusts and Estates practice group and has served as the firm’s hiring partner since its inception. Sevier’s recent civic activities include serving on the Advisory Board of the Big Oak Ranch and on the Board of Directors of Cornerstone Schools of Alabama. In addition, he has been Chairman of the Pre-Law Advisory Committee at Birmingham-Southern College and on the Executive Committee of the Norton Board of Advisors at Birmingham-Southern College since 1994. Sevier also served on the Rector’s Council at Christ Charismatic Episcopal Church for many years and is currently a member of Church of the Highlands. Sevier’s service to the community is not limited to administrative and leadership roles. He has also demonstrated a long-standing commitment to hands-on involvement with needy families and individuals as he has mentored eight inner-city children continuously since 1992. Sevier’s service is uniquely marked by steadfastness, fortitude and longevity.

Sevier received his B.A. degree from Birmingham-Southern College in 1968 and his J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1971. While at Vanderbilt, he served as Case & Note Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, was given the Law Review Candidates' Award as the outstanding Editor and was elected to the Order of the Coif. Following law school, Sevier clerked for Chief Judge Seybourn H. Lynne of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Sevier has been listed in "Best Lawyer in America" annually since 1988, named "Best in Bar" in Estate Planning by the *Birmingham Business Journal* and is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

The Public Service Award honors the memory of L. Burton Barnes, III, a distinguished member of the Birmingham Bar Association until his untimely death on April 30, 1994. Burton was a true champion of public service, serving his community freely and quietly. Burton's commitment to public service establishes a lofty standard of public service and serves as an inspiration for other members of the Birmingham Bar Association. The criteria for evaluating the nominees for the award are as follows: 1. Exemplary public service to the community through participation in charitable and service organizations; 2. Demonstrated dedicated and sacrifice of time and effort for public service for the betterment of others which is in no way related to personal or professional gain; 3. Excellent reputation in the community for honesty and integrity in public and private matters; and, 4. Demonstrated public service without direct or indirect efforts to obtain personal publicity or individual recognition.

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