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Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Hires Of Counsel

Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce that Carla D. Craft has joined the firm as Of Counsel. Craft joins the firm's General Litigation practice group.

Prior to joining Maynard, Cooper & Gale, Craft was a partner at Venable LLP in Washington, D.C. in the Government Contracts practice group. Craft represented government contractors in complex actions before the Court of Federal Claims, the federal district courts, the boards of contract appeals, the Government Accountability Office, and various federal government agencies. She also conducted internal investigations and counseled clients on a variety of legal and business issues affecting government contractors. Craft has extensive experience with respect to compliance programs.

Craft graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 and then received her J.D. *with distinction* from Emory University School of Law in 1991. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Litigation and Public Contract Law Sections; the Alabama State Bar; the Birmingham Bar Association; the District of Columbia Bar Association; the Maryland Bar Association; the Federal Bar Association, Government Contracts Section and North Alabama Chapter and the National Contract Management Association, Huntsville Chapter. Craft is licensed to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Federal Claims, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Supreme Court of Alabama and the United States District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama.

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