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**Two Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Shareholders  
Elected to the Board of Regents of the  
American College of Environmental Lawyers**

**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA** – The American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL) announced today it has officially incorporated as a professional association with the goal of bringing together lawyers distinguished by their experience and high standards in the practice of environmental law. The Charter Members of ACOEL have elected a Board of Regents, which includes Fournier J. “Boots” Gale, III and Jarred O. Taylor, II, both shareholders at Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C.

The American College of Environmental Lawyers is a professional association of lawyers distinguished by their experience and high standards in the practice of environmental law. Its members are dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of the practice of environmental law, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession and contributing to the development of environmental law. Membership in ACOEL is by election only, and eligibility is limited to those who are recognized as leaders in their field and have predominantly practiced environmental law for 15 years or longer. More information, including the latest national and local environmental legal news, is posted on the ACOEL’s blog at [www.acoel.org](http://www.acoel.org).

“Some of the best known and most experienced environmental lawyers from across the nation are coming together to form this new college, the first of its kind in environmental law,” said Rick Glick, newly-elected president of ACOEL and an environmental attorney in the Portland, Oregon office of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. “Forming the College will allow us to build a strong fellowship, share best practices and continue to strengthen this thriving practice area.”

“Our objective is to enhance environmental law practice and to maintain the high standards of practitioners in this field,” said Jarry Taylor, ACOEL regent and environmental attorney at Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. in Birmingham, AL. “Since each member is recognized as a leader in the field and

is an accomplished practitioner, these qualities will help the College and the profession achieve its objectives.”

In addition to holding annual meetings, ACOEL will sponsor educational programs to reinforce the quality of environmental practice. The first one will be held January 31 through February 2, 2008 in Miami, Florida. “Our first major presentation will focus on renewable resources, global warming/climate change initiatives, and other energy projects,” said Jeff Thaler, ACOEL’s program committee chair and an environmental attorney with the Portland, Maine law firm of Bernstein Shur.

Gale is a founding shareholder of Maynard Cooper, and currently serves as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the firm. He has been practicing law for over 38 years with a focus on litigation, environmental law, appellate and governmental affairs. His peers have recognized him as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Taylor is a shareholder at Maynard Cooper where he practices in the firm’s environmental litigation and regulatory compliance practice group. He has been practicing law for over 20 years, with his focus primarily on water and hazardous waste/Superfund matters. Taylor has been recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Environmental Law.

The Birmingham-based law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., with more than 170 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](http://www.maynardcooper.com).

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