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**Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Recommended as a Leading Litigation Firm in Alabama
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Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. was recently recommended by *Benchmark Litigation* as a Leading Litigation Firm in Alabama. In addition, Lee E. Bains, Jr. and H. Thomas Wells, Jr. were recognized as “Local Litigation Stars,” and Terri Sewell was selected as a “Future Star.”

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Lee E. Bains, Jr. focuses his practice primarily on complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on class action litigation, punitive damages litigation, life insurance marketing litigation, antitrust litigation and business tort and commercial litigation. Mr. Bains has appeared as an attorney of record in cases that have resulted in more than 75 published opinions. Most recently, he obtained the first complete litigation victory for any life insurance company in the “Juvenile Smoker” litigation that has been filed against many of the major life insurance companies. Mr. Bains has been recognized as an outstanding litigator by his peers in publications such as *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* and *Alabama Super Lawyers*.

H. Thomas Wells, Jr. concentrates his practice on complex mass tort, environmental and product liability cases, often handling the defense of class actions or mass consolidated cases throughout the South. Mr. Wells is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*®, *Alabama Super Lawyers*, and is a Fellow of the *International Academy of Trial Lawyers*. Mr. Wells is currently serving as the 2008-2009 President of the American Bar Association (ABA).

Terri A. Sewell has a public finance practice in which she represents cities and counties, school boards, universities, airports, utility systems, hospitals and other public entities. She has also represented issuers and underwriters on a wide variety of securities transactions, including registered public offerings and private placements of debt and equity securities. Her corporate finance transactions have spanned a broad range of industries including consumer products, financial services, retail, utilities, transportation and telecommunications. Ms. Sewell has been recognized as an *Alabama Super Lawyer* in the areas of Bonds/Government Finance, and Securities & Corporate Finance.

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.

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