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**Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Welcomes Mike Carlson to its Health Care Practice**

**Birmingham, Ala.** – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce that William T. “Mike” Carlson, Jr. has joined the Health Care practice at Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Of Counsel.

Mr. Carlson's practice focuses on the special representation of physician practices and other health care providers in more than 30 states, and the establishment of new ventures between physician groups and hospitals. Most recently, he has directed ground-breaking developments in physician-hospital integration models, physician management of hospital product lines, and gain-sharing programs. In addition, he serves as General Counsel for three cardiology-related specialty organizations that provide educational, business and advocacy services to more than 300 cardiovascular practices.

Mr. Carlson also has a large practice in regulatory and administrative law issues such as Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement (including fraud-and-abuse, Stark issues, and corporate compliance programs), medical staff issues, and related matters. In addition, he occasionally serves as a Hearing Officer for hospital medical staff appeals and is trained as a mediator.

Maynard Cooper’s health care attorneys represent a full array of health care providers, including large and small health systems, hospitals, physician and physician group practices, nursing homes, hospices, home health agencies, reference laboratories, and diagnostic imaging and joint venture entities. Maynard Cooper has been primary counsel in multiple transactions involving the merger and acquisition of hospitals, hospital systems, hospices and other health care providers. The firm’s experience in health care transactional and regulatory work has enabled the firm to tailor creative strategies for clients who seek to develop and operate ancillary service providers, including ambulatory surgery centers (ASC’s), cardiac catheterization labs, and multi-diagnostic facilities.

Maynard Cooper’s representation of health care clients also extends to other areas of the firm’s expertise, including taxation (including the requirements for 501(c)(3) entities), employment and labor, real property, public finance, general litigation, and securities matters.

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