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Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Announces Opening Office in Mobile, Alabama

Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. today announced that the firm is opening a new office in Mobile Alabama. The firm’s new office will be headed by Jay Watkins, a veteran Mobile lawyer who has joined the firm as a shareholder, and will be located at: 3 South Royal Street, 3rd Floor, Mobile, AL 36602.

Mark Drew, Managing Shareholder of Maynard Cooper stated: “Consistent with our strategic goal of being the leading law firm in the State of Alabama, this new office establishes a presence in the vibrant Mobile Bay and Gulf Coast area. We will now have offices in all of the State’s major metropolitan markets – Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile. The firm already has a number of existing clients with operations in the Mobile and South Alabama area, and we feel like this is the right time to establish a physical presence in this market. We are also very encouraged about the prospects for continued economic development in the Mobile Bay and Gulf Coast area. Jay Watkins, an outstanding person and well respected corporate attorney, will lead our efforts in the development of this new office. With Jay’s leadership, the firm intends to become a strong member of the legal, business and civic communities in South Alabama, consistent with our efforts in other offices and their surrounding communities.”

James F. (Jay) Watkins has over 16 years of experience in the areas of corporate law and commercial lending law. Mr. Watkins has represented borrowers and lenders in all areas of lending and financing transactions. His corporate finance experience includes real property acquisition and construction financing, timber financing, vessel and aircraft financing, and equipment financing. He also represents clients in the areas of mergers, acquisitions and joint venture arrangements. Mr. Watkins has always been active in the Mobile community, currently serving as a member of the City of Mobile’s Planning Commission, on the Board of Directors of

the Child Advocacy Center and on the Advisory Board of the Mobile Historic Preservation Society.

In addition to Mr. Watkins, Guy C. Oswalt will join Maynard Cooper's Mobile office as an associate. Guy is a native of Mobile and works in the areas of commercial lending, real estate and corporate law. Before attending law school, Guy worked in the financial markets in New York City, first with Thompson Financial and later as an analyst at Mission Capital Advisors, a boutique investment bank.

Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., was founded in 1984 and in its short but dynamic history has grown to 185 attorneys, emerging as a leading law firm in Alabama as well as the Southeast. With offices in Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile and Montgomery, the firm 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 the very best in 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.

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