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Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Welcomes 11 New Associates to its Birmingham Office

Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce that Katie Collier, Joel M. Everest, Prim Formby, David H. Humber, Margaret R. Johnson, Christine E. Keifer, W. Preston Martin, W. Thomas Mayfield IV, Katy E. Maynard, Matthew I. Penfield, and Alyson Saad have joined the Birmingham office as new associates.

Katie Collier has joined the firm's General Litigation and Products Liability practice groups. She graduated *cum laude* from The University of Alabama School of Law, where she was the Developmental Editor for the *Alabama Law Review* and a member of the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society. Prior to law school, Collier graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Alabama.

Joel M. Everest is practicing in the firm's Securities Litigation practice group. Everest graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law, where he was a Senior Editor of the *Alabama Law Review*, and a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board, the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, and the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society. Everest was also elected to the Order of the Barristers. Before attending law school, Everest graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama where he participated in the University Honors Program.

Prim Formby has joined the firm's Insurance and Financial Services Litigation and Securities Litigation practice groups. She graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Alabama School of Law, where she was Chief Justice of the Honor Court, Managing Editor of the *Alabama Law Review*, and a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board, the National Moot Court Team and the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society. She was elected to the Order of the Coif, a recipient of the Dean M. Leigh Harrison Award, and a Hugo Black Scholar. Formby served as a law clerk to Judge William H. Pryor Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit following law school. Prior to law school, Formby graduated *magna cum laude* from Birmingham-Southern College.

David H. Humber is practicing in the firm's General Corporate, Tax, and Economic Development and Incentives practice groups. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law, where he was the Electronic Works Editor for the *Alabama Law Review*, and a member of the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society. Humber was a Hugo Black Scholar, a recipient of the Dean M. Leigh Harrison Award, and elected to the Order of the Coif. Following law school Humber received his LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. Prior to law school, Humber graduated *magna cum laude* from Birmingham-Southern College.

Margaret R. Johnson has joined the firm's General Corporate practice group. Johnson is a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law, where she received a Law and Business Certificate, and was Managing Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. Prior to law school, Johnson graduated *cum laude* from the College of William & Mary where she was a James Monroe Scholar.

Christine E. Keifer has joined the firm's Bankruptcy, Workouts and Creditors' Rights practice group. She graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was on the Editorial Board of the *Virginia Law Review*, and elected to the Order of the Coif. Prior to law school, Keifer graduated *cum laude* from Dartmouth College.

W. Preston Martin is practicing in the firm's Securities Litigation practice group. He graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law, where he was Articles Editor of the *Journal of Intellectual Property*, and a recipient of the Law School Association Scholarship. Prior to law school, Martin graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia where he was a participant in the Honors Program.

W. Thomas Mayfield IV has joined the firm's General Litigation and Labor and Employment practice groups. Mayfield received his law degree from The University of Virginia School of Law and his undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University.

Katy E. Maynard is practicing in the firm's General Litigation and Insurance and Financial Services Litigation practice groups. Maynard received her law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law, and her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Furman University. At Furman Maynard was a member of Phi Eta Sigma and received the Richard C. Furman Memorial Scholarship in History.

Matthew I. Penfield has joined the firm's Labor and Employment practice group. Penfield is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Cumberland School of Law where he was an Associate Editor of the Cumberland

Law Review, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and the Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board. He was elected to the Order of the Barristers and was a Caruthers Teaching Fellow. Prior to law school, Penfield graduated from Birmingham-Southern College and then received his Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and his Doctor of Ministry from Saint Paul School of Theology.

Alyson C. Saad is practicing in the firm's ERISA and Group Insurance Litigation, Insurance and Financial Services Litigation and Labor and Employment practice groups. She graduated *cum laude* from the Cumberland School of Law, where she was the Student Materials Editor for the *Cumberland Law Review*. Prior to law school, Saad graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Alabama.

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