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Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. Welcomes 5 New Associates to its Birmingham Office

Birmingham, Ala. – Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. is pleased to announce that Hayes Arendall, Christine Green, Jaime Haggard, Nefertari Rigsby and Key Smith have joined the Birmingham office as new associates.

E. Hayes Arendall has joined the firm's Commercial Lending and Real Estate practice groups. In May of this year, he graduated from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, where he was an Associate Editor of the *Cumberland Law Review* and on the Dean's List. Prior to law school, Arendall graduated from Washington & Lee University with a B.A. in Economics.

A. Christine Green is practicing in the firm's Labor and Employment group. Green graduated *cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law, where she was a member of the *Alabama Law Review*, the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board, the Criminal Law Moot Court Team, and the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society. She was also President of the Dorbin Association. Before attending law school, Green graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama with a B.A. in Economics and Journalism, and a minor in Liberal Arts through the Blount Undergraduate Initiative Program. While in college, she was a member of the Anderson Society, Mortar Board Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society and the Blue Key Honor Society.

Jaime L. Haggard has joined the firm's Insurance and Financial Services Litigation and Securities Litigation practice groups. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, where she was a Student Materials Editor for the *Cumberland Law Review* and a Caruthers Fellow. Prior to law school, Haggard graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Secondary English Education.

Nefertari S. Rigsby is practicing in the firm's Labor and Employment practice group. She graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she was on the Dean's list and a recipient of

the Law School Merit Scholarship. While in law school, Rigsby was a senior staff member of the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*, as well as a member of the Broun National Trial Team, National Mock Trial Specialist (Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition) for the National Black Law Students Association, and Vice President of the UNC Student Bar Association. She was also a Dean's Fellow and was awarded the Gressman-Pollitt Award for best oral advocacy. Prior to law school, Rigsby graduated *cum laude* from Wake Forest University with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Spanish. While attending Wake Forest, she received the Zachary T. Smith Leadership scholarship, was on the Dean's List, and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and the Order of Omega.

William "Key" Smith has joined the firm's Insurance and Financial Services Litigation and Securities Litigation practice groups. Smith graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he was a recipient of the William C. Hughes Memorial Scholarship, on the Dean's List, and a member of the Moot Court Trial Advocacy team. Prior to law school, Smith graduated from the University of Mississippi with a B.A. in Accounting.

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