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## **Maynard, Cooper & Gale Announces Expansion Into Huntsville**

**Birmingham, Alabama** – Mark Drew, managing shareholder of Birmingham-based law firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., announced today that the firm is expanding into Huntsville and will be opening an office effective June 1, 2007.

The office will be initially staffed with 14 attorneys, which will include 9 shareholders and 5 associates. The new attorneys will include: Daniel Wilson, office managing shareholder, whose practice is focused in commercial finance, commercial development, and federal government relations; George Smith, whose practice focuses on emerging businesses, government contracting, trust & estates, healthcare, finance, and M & A; Bartley Loftin, who practices in the areas of business litigation, class action litigation, financial services litigation, sports agency & regulation, and securities litigation; David Block, who practices in the areas of labor & employment, healthcare, and business litigation; Andy Watson, who practices in the areas of corporate securities, tax & finance, financial services and government contracting; Kevin Gray, who practices in the areas of finance, lending, leasing, real estate, real property/title insurance litigation, creditors rights and bankruptcy; Leslie Sharpe, who practices in the areas of real estate, finance, lending and leasing; Tod Dodgen, who practices in the areas of business and complex litigation; and Bill Lunsford, whose practice is in healthcare, business and casualty litigation. In addition, Ashley Swink, Tony Zana, Douglas Hargett, Valerie Plante and Christopher Kuffner will join the Huntsville office as associates. In addition to these attorneys, Linda Maynor will be joining the Governmental Affairs Group of Maynard, Cooper in the firm's new Huntsville office. Ms. Maynor has been active in Republican governmental affairs and fundraising for many years, and is the former Alabama Republican Party Finance Chair. She was elected as a Bush delegate to the 2004 Republican National Convention, and is currently serving as Alabama Finance Chair for Rudy Giuliani's Presidential Campaign.

Regarding this expansion into Huntsville, Mr. Drew commented, "a number of our clients have wanted us to have a greater presence in Huntsville and North Alabama for several years. Our shareholders were uniformly excited when this opportunity presented itself. Daniel and the other members of this group are

a perfect fit for Maynard, Cooper -- strategically, professionally, and personally. They are energetic, entrepreneurial, well-respected lawyers and business advisors who are outstanding members of the Huntsville legal and business community. In addition, they are all actively involved in their community, which is consistent with our firm's strong emphasis on public/community service."

Daniel Wilson, who has practiced law in the Huntsville community since 1989, stated: "As our group looked towards our future, we were looking for a major law firm that shared our strategic vision. We believe that Maynard, Cooper's strategic vision of continuing its steady growth as the premier Alabama-based law firm providing legal services to our state and region is consistent with our group's outlook. They are a very talented team of lawyers serving as trusted advisors to their clients. The firm has a strong work ethic and is well-positioned strategically for the future. We are very excited."

The new Huntsville office of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. will be located at 655 Gallatin Street, Huntsville, Alabama. Its main telephone number is (256) 551-0171.

The Birmingham-based law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., with over 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. One of the firm's lawyers currently serves as President of the Alabama Bar Association, one is the current President of the Birmingham Bar Association, and another lawyer was recently nominated as President-elect of the American Bar Association. In addition, Maynard Cooper lawyers have been recognized in various publications for their expertise in their area of practice. In *Chambers USA 2006, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Maynard Cooper is listed as a leading law firm in Alabama in all five rated categories: Banking & Finance, Corporate/Commercial, Employment, Litigation and Real Estate. Also, in *Best Lawyers in America® 2007*, Maynard Cooper has forty-two lawyers noted for their legal excellence in their areas of practice.

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](http://www.maynardcooper.com).

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