Maynard Cooper & Gale Names New Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer

Birmingham, Alabama-based **Maynard Cooper & Gale, P.C.** announces that the firm has elected veteran leader **Greg Curran** as chairman of the firm. Curran is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and has most recently served as chair of the firm's Business Section.

Jeff Grantham, another tenured leader of the firm, was elected vice-chairman and chief strategy officer. He also is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and has served as chair of the firm's Litigation Section.

Curran will succeed **Mark Drew** who served as managing shareholder of the firm for the last decade. Drew has been appointed executive vice president and general counsel of the firm's long-time client, Protective Life Corporation. With this appointment, he will continue a legacy of Maynard Cooper alumni leadership at Protective Life.

"Mark has been a great leader for the firm for the past ten years and he will be missed. We will stay true to our culture and remain focused on executing the firm's strategic plan. Providing value to our clients and our people will be at the center of all we do," said Curran.

In the past decade, Maynard Cooper has expanded across Alabama into markets including Huntsville and Mobile, and is expanding outside the state with the opening of an office in San Francisco. The firm has grown from 145 attorneys in 2006 to 240 today.

Jeff Grantham commented, "We are grateful for Mark's years of leadership. He will be a great asset to Protective Life's

management team. He has set a high bar but the firm is blessed with distinguished clients and a deep bench of talented individuals. We will continue to focus on the needs of our clients, invest in our talent and execute on growth opportunities.”