

THE YEAR OF THE MAYNARD COOPER PRESIDENTS

Wells Nominated for President-elect of the American Bar Association

Maynard, Cooper & Gale PC is setting a new standard for professional leadership.

Recently, **H. Thomas Wells, Jr.**, 56, was nominated to be the next president-elect of the American Bar Association, a 413,000-member professional organization for the legal profession. The nomination, which must be approved by the association's House of Delegates in August, puts Wells in line to begin a one-year term as ABA president in August 2008. Wells would be only the ABA's third president from the state of Alabama. One of the other past ABA presidents from Alabama is **N. Lee Cooper**, a founding member of Maynard Cooper, who was president from 1996-97. The other ABA president was **Henry Upson Sims** (1929-30).

However, this is just the tip of the iceberg as far as presidential leadership goes at the firm. In March, The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) held its annual meeting at which firm shareholder **Daniel H. Markstein, III** became president. Fellows of the College are nominated by other Fellows in their geographic area and then elected by the membership at large. Fellows are selected on the basis of professional reputation and ability in the fields of trusts and estates and on the basis of having made substantial contributions to these fields through lecturing, writing, teaching and bar activities.

In addition, Maynard Cooper lawyers **Fournier J. Gale** and **Anthony A. Joseph** already hold current presidential positions in other professional organizations. Gale is the president of the Alabama State Bar and Joseph is the president of the Birmingham Bar Association. ■



H. Thomas Wells, Jr.



N. Lee Cooper



Daniel H. Markstein



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