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AG STRANGE PRESENTS TOP AWARD IN LEGAL FOOD FRENZY TO MAYNARD COOPER & GALE LAW FIRM

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange presented the top award in the Alabama Legal Food Frenzy to Maynard Cooper and Gale law firm in a ceremony this afternoon in Huntsville. The Legal Food Frenzy was a competition this spring among law firms to benefit food banks throughout the state. Altogether, the equivalent of over 140,000 pounds of food was collected for Alabama food banks. Sixty-two law firms and legal organizations from across the state participated.

The Attorney General joined with the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Food Bank Association to sponsor this important event. Maynard Cooper & Gale collected the most pounds of food per employee, thus earning the contest's top award, the Attorney General's Cup. The firm donated 373.43 pounds per person, for a total of 20,165 pounds.

"I want to thank the dedicated attorneys and staff at Maynard Cooper & Gale for their generosity toward our fellow Alabamians, and congratulate them for distinguishing themselves among an outstanding group of competitors," said Attorney General Strange. "Public service is a fundamental principle of the legal profession and I can think of no one more dedicated to helping improve the lives of Alabamians than my colleagues among the state's law firms. Together, the law firms of Alabama have demonstrated how much they care about those most in need and acted to help stamp out hunger."

Daniel Wilson, managing shareholder of Maynard Cooper & Gale's Huntsville office, said, "Our law firm was founded on five core principles, one of which is that we each give back to the communities in which we live. Our Huntsville Maynard Cooper & Gale team did an outstanding job of stepping up and supporting this very worthwhile cause, and we thank you for this recognition. More importantly, we thank General Strange for his leadership on this issue. In this day and age, no child should go hungry. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this campaign, and look forward to defending our title next year!"

Laura Lester, executive director of the Alabama Food Bank Association, stated, "The Alabama Food Bank Association and our member food banks are so thankful to Attorney General Strange and the lawyers and law firms of Alabama for their support. We reached out to ask for help in the fight against hunger and food insecurity in our state, and they more than answered the call. By creating the Attorney General's Cup, and challenging the legal community to mobilize for the cause, we were able to raise the equivalent of 140,000 pounds of



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food for Alabama food banks. The food and funds raised during this competition will provide thousands of meals over the summer months to their neighbors in need.”

Alabama State Bar President Lee H. Copeland said, “It’s been an honor to team up with Attorney General Luther Strange for the first Alabama Legal Food Frenzy, and an honor to hold an event that was able to make such a huge impact in the lives of people within our own communities. The success of this event wouldn’t have been possible without the work of attorneys, legal professionals and legal support personnel across the state, and we’re excited to grow on this event next year.”

Other winners of the Alabama Legal Food Frenzy, in categories based upon the law firm or legal organization’s size, are:

- Solo (1-2)
 - Most pounds and most pounds/person – **Annette M Carwie, Attorney at Law** (177 total pounds), *Feeding the Gulf Coast*
- Small law firm (3-20)
 - Most pounds – **Prim & Mendheim, LLC** (4957.50 total pounds), *Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank*
 - Most pounds/person – **Lewis, Feldman, Lehane & Snable, LLC** (366.41 pounds per person, for a total of 2931), *Community Food Bank of Central Alabama*
- Medium law firm (21-40)
 - Most pounds – **Bressler, Amery & Ross, PC** (6375.00 total pounds), *Community Food Bank of Central Alabama*
 - Most pounds/person – **Bressler, Amery & Ross, PC** (159.38 pounds per person, for a total of 6375), *Community Food Bank of Central Alabama*
- Large law firm (40+)
 - Most pounds – **Sirote & Permutt, PC** (24,523.75 total pounds), Multiple cities
 - Most pounds/person – **Maynard, Cooper and Gale** (373.43 pounds per person, for a total of 20,165), *Food Bank of North Alabama*
- Legal Organizations
 - Most pounds – **Alabama State Bar** (6510 total pounds), *Montgomery Area Food Bank*
 - Most pounds/person – **U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Alabama, Western Division** (275.63 pounds per person, for a total of 2756), *West Alabama Food Bank*