

Capital Investment Companies' Hybrid Indie Program Snares Wilmington's Largest Independent Wealth Management Firm

IronGate Partners Joins Forces with Established Raleigh Firm

RALEIGH, N.C. (April 17, 2013) – [Capital Investment Companies](#), one of the largest independent brokerage firms in the Southeastern United States, announced that IronGate Partners joined their hybrid B-D program in Wilmington, NC. Jerry Payne, who leads the hybrid indie program, is helping the firm transition onto Capital's platform. IronGate Partners, now in its 9th year, has a dedicated team of 14 who serve a growing population of high net worth families, retirement plans, foundations and endowments, both locally and across the country.

“IronGate is a terrific addition to the Capital family because they think like we do in terms of innovation, integrity and independence,” said Richard K. Bryant, co-founder and president of Capital Investment Companies. “Steve Coggins, David Hartness and Chris Jones run a tight ship at IronGate. They're actively managing a fast-growing firm that is dedicated to improving the lives of successful families and companies in the region; as well as throughout the country.”

Steve Coggins, Partner and Chief Investment Officer at IronGate said, “We are excited to be working with a broker/dealer right here in North Carolina that understands the independent wealth management firm model, and wants to provide us the flexibility to better serve our growing client base. We look forward to a long term, win-win relationship with the folks at Capital.”

By design, IronGate Partners is different from other wealth management firms. The IronGate approach is based on three uncompromising principles:

Client-Centered

No two clients are exactly alike. Preconceived assumptions and packaged plans have no place at IronGate Partners. In order to develop a custom solution to help achieve individual goals, the first step is getting to know clients in order to have a true sense of what is important.

Advice-Driven

IronGate's recommendations are guided by the team's understanding of the financial world and the myriad of wealth management options available. IronGate Partners is an independent Registered Investment Advisor, a structure that frees them to utilize opportunities regardless of their source. They work only for their clients, which is reflected in their unbiased, highly customized advice.

Team-Oriented

Unlike most wealth management firms, IronGate Partners offers each client the vast cumulative knowledge of every partner and member of the IronGate team. They also utilize an excellent network of professionals, such as attorneys and CPAs, who provide

specialized advice that is pertinent to your situation. For more information about IronGate Partners and the services they provide visit www.IronGatePartnersInc.com.

For registered representatives interested in joining IronGate Partners and Capital Investment Companies' Hybrid Indie program, please contact Jerry Payne at (910) 791-1437 or by e-mailing JPayne@capital-invest.com.

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