

Capital Investment Companies Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Full-Service Independent Broker-Dealer Continues to Thrive

RALEIGH, N.C. (January 21, 2009) – Capital Investment Companies, one of the largest independent financial services and brokerage firms in the Southeast, is celebrating 25 years of excellence. Capital Investment Companies has been helping clients reach their personal and corporate financial goals since its inception in 1984.

Despite an ever-changing economy, the Raleigh-based firm has grown over two-and-a-half decades into a full-service operation with thousands of clients throughout the United States. This growth is a result of the company's superior customer retention. Capital Investment Companies has also grown by attracting highly qualified, industry-leading financial professionals to its diverse portfolio of companies.

“By having investment, insurance, and retirement needs met within the same firm, we can be sure that we're presenting a total financial solution for our clients,” said Richard K. Bryant, co-founder and president of Capital Investment Companies. “The Capital platform provides asset accumulation, protection, distribution, and transfer solutions for a client's entire life cycle and for their multi-generational planning.”

Over the past 25 years, Capital Investment Companies has garnered numerous awards, impressive industry rankings, and has retained top talent in the financial services industry. The company has deepened services across all of the family of independent companies which constitute Capital Investment Companies. Some of their accomplishments are listed below:

- **Capital Investment Group, Inc.**, and **Capital Investment Brokerage, Inc.** – The leader of these organizations, Richard Bryant, has been recognized numerous times for his business acumen, most recently as a finalist in Ernst and Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award and by *Business Leader* magazine as an Impact Finance Leader and a Mover & Shaker. Contact: Richard Bryant (919) 831-2370 x 136.
- **Capital Insurance Affiliates** – Recently featured with a national magazine cover story on life audits. Leader Bill Nicholson is a member of the International Forum. Contact: Bill Nicholson – 831-2370 x 131 and bnicholson@capital-invest.com.
- **Capital Bank Partners** -- Affiliated with 10 banks across the southeastern United States and consistently expanding. Contact: Catherine Manuel – (919) 831-2370 x 133 and cmanuel@capital-invest.com.
- **The Capital Foundation** – The Capital Foundation is one of the newest additions to the Capital Investment Companies suite of services. Through the foundation, to facilitate charitable giving in

concert with estate planning, investors can make strategic, multi-year contributions to the non-profits of their choice. Contact: Bill Nicholson – 831-2370 x 131 and bnicholson@capital-invest.com.

- **Capital Investment Counsel, Inc** – Regularly tapped for expert investment advice and opinions by local, industry and national media outlets alike. Capital Investment Companies co-founder Bobby Edgerton has won the *Business North Carolina* magazine and Triangle Business Journal’s stock picking contest several times. Contact: Kurt Dressler (919) 831-2370 x 138 and kdressler@capital-invest.com

- **Capital Advisers, Inc.** – Has been ranked as one of the fastest growing RIA’s in North Carolina. Contact: Steven Blair Wilson -- (919) 865-1930 and swilson@capitaladvisersinc.com.

Capital Investment Companies also offers mortgage services, trust services, and qualified plan administration. Capital Investment Companies is also a good corporate citizen supporting a number of philanthropies in addition to those supported by their own foundation. Capital’s favored non-profits are NC State University and The Back Home Box Foundation, which creates care packages for US soldiers serving overseas.

“The investment landscape has changed quite a bit since we began Capital Investment Companies in 1984,” said Bobby Edgerton, Capital Investment Companies co-founder and chief investment officer, Capital Investment Counsel, Inc. “However, many of the economic cycles we see today are similar to years past, and time-tested philosophies as well as patience still work. At the end of the day, ‘winning’ in the financial world still has everything to do with the team you pick to manage your assets. At Capital, our team lives the ‘Integrity, Independence, Innovation’ motto on a daily basis. What has changed dramatically in the last quarter century is how hard those characteristics are to find. This is what sets Capital apart and sets us up for another 25 years of sound financial planning.”

About Capital Investment Companies Capital Investment Companies is primarily comprised of Capital Investment Brokerage, Inc. and Capital Investment Group, Inc., (two FINRA /SIPC Members) and Capital Investment Counsel, Inc. (an SEC registered Investment Advisor). Headquartered in Raleigh, N.C. for more than 25 years, Capital Investment Companies (www.cico.us) is one of the largest independent financial services firms in the Southeastern United States. With their affiliates and strategic partners, the firm offers a wide variety of financial services to individuals, institutions, and the CPA and banking community including: traditional investment brokerage, money management, investment banking, trust services, mortgage services, estate planning, insurance services, retirement plans, and a community foundation.

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