

Capital Investment Companies to Serve as Gold Sponsor of 2006 Women Extraordinaire Awards
Triangle Area Awards Honor Women's Professional and Civic Achievements

RALEIGH, N.C. (December 4, 2006) -- Capital Investment Companies, one of the largest independent financial services and brokerage firms in the Southeast, will serve as a gold sponsor of this year's *Business Leader* magazine's 2006 Women Extraordinaire awards. Capital Investment Companies has employees across the Southeast and was recently named to the *Triangle Business Journal*'s Fast 50 – a listing of the 50 fastest growing companies in the Triangle region.

This year's winners include: Cindy Anderson – CPA, Linda Leake - ExecUchange, Lorraine Stephens - L. Stephens & Associates, Mary Beth Johnston - Kennedy Covington, Beverly Jones - Provost NCCU, Michele Rich - Rich Commercial Realty, Carter Worthy - Carter Worthy Commercial Realty, Deb Friberg - CFO Wake Med, Kathy Higgins – BCBS and Rusine Sinclair – IBM.

This is the 5th annual Women Extraordinaire awards gala, which honors women in the Triangle area who selflessly give to others within their professional and personal lives. The award's luncheon will take place on December 6, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh, N.C.

“Business women in the Triangle area are obtaining success in all areas of their lives through determination and hard work along with the desire to help others,” said Richard K. Bryant, co-founder and president of Capital Investment Companies. “The Women Extraordinaire Awards recognize these exceptional achievements not only in their professional success but also in their contributions to the community.”

About Capital Investment Companies

Capital Investment Companies is comprised of Capital Investment Brokerage Inc. and Capital Investment Group Inc., registered broker/dealers (Members NASD/SIPC) and their affiliates. Capital Investment Companies (www.capital-invest.com) is one of the largest independent financial services and brokerage organizations in the Southeastern United States, headquartered in Raleigh, NC. The firm offers a wide variety of financial services including: traditional investment brokerage, money management, investment banking, trust services, no-load mutual fund management, mortgage services, estate planning, insurance services, retirement plans and a community foundation. They offer their services to individuals, corporations, and the CPA and banking community.

About Business Leader

Business Leader is a monthly publication covering the Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill region of North Carolina. The publication provides interesting, educational and entertaining editorial content as well as targeted and effective advertising that reach the key decision makers in business in the Triangle. *Business Leader's* Women Extraordinaire awards are now in their fourth year of honoring commitment, contribution and impact in society.

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