



Leigh A. Wilkinson Installed as Civitan Governor for NC District East

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Ward and Smith, P.A. is proud to announce that attorney Leigh A. Wilkinson has been installed as the 2010-2011 Governor for NC District East of Civitan International. Ms. Wilkinson has been an active member of the Tryon Civitan Club of New Bern for 16 years. Civitan International is a worldwide service organization with clubs throughout the United States and in 31 foreign countries. The worldwide mission of Civitan International is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. Members are dedicated to the principle that they should give some portion of their time and energies, sharing their talents and abilities, so that their community can be a better place to live. Prior to her election as Governor-Elect in 2009, Ms. Wilkinson served as Judge Advocate, Director, and Lt. Governor for NC District East and as President, Secretary, Club Education Manager, and Director for Tryon Civitan Club. She is the recipient of two Club Honor Keys for outstanding service to Tryon Civitan Club and of a District Honor Key for outstanding service to NC District East.

As leader of the Health Care Practice Group, Ms. Wilkinson's practice experience encompasses a broad range of health care law matters, including obtaining Certificates of Need ("CON") and CON "no review" letters; structuring medical practice mergers and alliances; advising medical practices and hospitals on health care regulatory (fraud and abuse, HIPAA, Stark, anti-kickback, EMTALA, and antitrust) and reimbursement issues; structuring health care joint ventures between physicians and hospitals; negotiating and drafting exclusive provider contracts and managed care provider contracts; and structuring compliance programs and drafting key compliance policies and procedures. Her experience also encompasses a broad range of business law matters, from start-up businesses to transactional matters. She is listed in [The Best Lawyers in America](#) in the area of healthcare law.