

PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

HERRING MILLS & KRATT

Planning for the Unexpected

Donna M. Blyskal has joined the law firm to practice in its family law practice area. She is a 2010 graduate of the North Carolina Central University School of Law. Before earning her law degree, Donna earned her MBA and worked for 10 years in healthcare administration in high level finance and management positions, including serving as the chief financial officer of a multimillion dollar health center.



Karen Britt Peeler has joined the firm and focuses her practice on the needs of disabled children and the elderly, particularly special needs trusts and guardianship estates, litigation, mediation and arbitration. Karen received her B.A. from Meredith College and her J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1980. She practiced formerly with Boyce Mitchell Burns & Smith, P.A. and also served as claims as claims counsel to Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of NC. She has been a certified mediator since 1996, having mediated hundreds of Superior Court cases, particularly insurance-related matters, Workers Compensation and family law matters throughout the state. She is active in volunteer service to her profession through the Wake County Bar Association and the North Carolina Bar Association, serving on its Dispute Resolution Council for many years.



The law firm of Herring Mills & Kratt, PLLC has expanded by adding four attorneys to give depth to its existing area of practice—estates, elder law, family law and business. The downtown Raleigh law firm has grown from six to ten attorneys with this expansion and promotes its services as a law firm that offers services for clients at all stages of their lives.

Ryan D. Oxendine has also joined the firm and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial real estate and business/corporate law. Oxendine received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997, and his J.D. from North Carolina Central University in 2000. He routinely represents owners, developers and entities with the acquisition, development and financing of real property in transactions locally, statewide and nationwide including retail establishments, golf course/country clubs, and automobile dealerships.



Christine M. Ryan has joined the law firm to assist in the areas of elder law and estate planning for families with special health care needs. She is a 1989 graduate of the Wake Forest School of Law and previously worked for the North Carolina Department of Justice. She was a solo practitioner prior to joining the firm. Christine is an active leader in the North Carolina Bar Association, Wake Women Attorneys, Brain Injury Association of North Carolina, the Wake County PTA Council, and the special needs community. She also has a license in speech-language pathology with a background in neurogenic illness and injury.



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