

# Womble Bond Dickinson Adds Energy Sector Veteran to Capital Markets Practice in Charleston, S.C.

Womble Bond Dickinson announced today that B. Shawan Gillians has joined the Charleston, S.C., Office as Of Counsel in the Firm's Capital Markets Practice Group.

Shawan joins the Firm from Santee Cooper, South Carolina's largest public power provider, where she most recently served as the Director of Legal Services and Corporate Secretary. During her more than ten years as in-house counsel, she gained significant experience with transactions in the Financial Services and Energy Sectors, as well as with labor and employment matters.

At Santee Cooper, Shawan also served as Associate General Counsel (2015-2018), and was the primary internal point of contact for legal matters in the financial services group while being simultaneously responsible for full-time responsibilities as Treasurer (2017-2020). Before moving in-house, Shawan was an Associate at Buist Moore Smythe McGee (now Womble Bond Dickinson).

"Shawan's extensive transactional and C-Suite management experience will provide added bench strength and credibility to our deals teams at the senior level," said Merrick Benn, Leader of the Firm's Capital Markets Practice Group. "Her arrival demonstrates the Firm's strategic and ongoing commitment to growing our capabilities in the expanding Financial Services and Energy Sectors in a meaningful way."

Cordes Ford, Managing Partner of the Charleston Office, adds: "Shawan is a well-known and highly-regarded leader in South

Carolina, and we could not be more pleased that she has decided to return to Womble.”

Shawan is active within the Charleston community, serving on several non-profit boards, including the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, and Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina. A graduate of the College of William and Mary School of Law and The Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina, Shawan earned her undergraduate degree from Wofford College where she now serves on the college’s Board of Trustees.

The Firm’s Charleston Office has welcomed five new attorneys in the last six weeks, additions that expand and strengthen several key practices and sectors, including Energy, Healthcare, and Trust and Estates. Attorneys in the Charleston Office have experience in a range of service areas, including Business Litigation, Construction, Capital Markets, Corporate & Securities, Economic Development, Healthcare, Trusts & Estates, Product Liability, and Real Estate.

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