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**Rogers elected to Board of Columbia Development Corporation**

COLUMBIA, S.C., July 21, 2010 - - [Ellis Lawhorne's Christian L. Rogers](#) has been elected to the Board of the Columbia Development Corporation. For more than 25 years, the Columbia Development Corporation has assisted economic development in Columbia through public-private partnerships and business development.

Rogers is a member of the [Ellis Lawhorne Business, Real Estate and Finance Practice Group](#) and focuses a large part of his practice on real estate and tax advantaged financing. Rogers' involvement on the Columbia Development Corporation Board will heighten his exposure to the business community and bring a unique perspective to various business development initiatives in Columbia.

In 2004, Rogers earned his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina (USC) School of Law and his Master of Business Administration from the USC School of Business. He went on to earn his Master of Laws in Taxation in 2005 from the University of Florida College of Law. Rogers focuses his practice on business and corporate law, entity formation, business sales and acquisitions, state and federal tax credits, tax-exempt organizations, and tax controversies. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar, Richland County Bar Association, and the South Carolina Bar Tax Law Section.

**About Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A.**

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