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### Poyner & Spruill Announces New Partners

Raleigh, NC – Poyner & Spruill LLP is pleased to announce James S. “Charlie” Livermon, III and Deborah E. Sperati have become Partners in the firm.

James S. “Charlie” Livermon, III focuses his practice on bankruptcy and creditor’s rights, and represents secured creditors, including national and regional banks and other lending institutions in commercial and consumer bankruptcy cases. Charlie assists creditors in obtaining relief from the automatic stay, objecting to confirmation of plans, challenging valuations of collateral, and objecting to discharge and dischargeability of particular debts. In addition, he represents secured and unsecured creditors, including unsecured creditors committees, in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and in adversary proceedings involving preferential and fraudulent transfers. Finally, in addition to his representation of creditors in bankruptcy cases, he represents banks and other lending institutions in collection, foreclosure and claim and delivery actions across North Carolina. He regularly practices in all bankruptcy courts and state courts in North Carolina. Charlie received his J.D. from Campbell University and his B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College. He may be reached at 252-972-7091 or [jlivermon@poynerspruill.com](mailto:jlivermon@poynerspruill.com).

Deborah Sperati practices in the areas of Civil and Commercial Litigation, Bankruptcy, and Creditors’ Rights. She frequently represents creditors in workouts, bankruptcies, collections, and lender liability matters. Her practice also includes representation of businesses and individual clients in a wide variety of civil litigation matters before State and Federal Courts, including contract disputes, fiduciary duty claims, property disputes and fraud claims. She is very active in her community of Rocky Mount, where she serves on the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and chairs the Chamber's Community Investment Committee. She is also Chairman of the Tar River Wine Festival and serves on the Board of Directors for the Harrison Family YMCA, the Futrell-Mauldin Community Fund, and the Tar River Charitable Foundation. Deborah is a founding member and Past President of the Rocky Mount Young Professionals Network, and a certified black belt in Tae Kwon Do. She received her B.A., with honors in English, and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She may be reached at 252.972.7095 or [dsperati@poynerspruill.com](mailto:dsperati@poynerspruill.com).

#### **About Poyner & Spruill**

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