

## **Rebecca Gunnlaugsson, Ph.d**

Dr. Rebecca Gunnlaugsson is an economist specializing in public finance and labor economics. Dr. Gunnlaugsson has additional experience in business consulting concentrated on strategic planning, project management, and firm-wide technology implementation.

Dr. Gunnlaugsson's experience includes that as a senior information technology consultant for Accenture where her clients included state governments, state universities, hospitals, and large national corporations. She also has served as Director of the Division of Research at The South Carolina Department of Commerce where she oversaw federally funded Labor Market Information programs and initiated publication of monthly S.C. Economic Outlook, including development of the South Carolina leading economic index. At the Department of Commerce she directed research teams conducting empirical analyses of economic issues impacting South Carolina and organized and implemented comprehensive research of the state's tax structure, detailing relationships between taxation and economic activity and identifying approaches for optimization of long-term statewide economic growth.

Dr. Gunnlaugsson also has worked for the Investment Commission where she directed projects analyzing and formulating long-term financial investment operational system needs; oversaw policy development for manager on-boarding, reporting, communication, fee validation, and portfolio valuation; and developed needs assessments for operational infrastructure, data management, risk analysis, custody services, hedge fund administration, and alternative investment portfolio management.

Dr. Gunnlaugsson currently works as the business manager at Southeastern ENT Allergy & Sleep Disorders Institute and serves on its board of directors. She received her bachelor's and master's Degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

## **Reynolds Williams, CFP**

Reynolds Williams was born in Mullins, South Carolina. He graduated cum laude from the Baylor School for Boys in Chattanooga, Tennessee and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, where he was an Echols Scholar. After serving in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge, Mr. Williams received his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina (USC) School of Law in 1973. While in law school, Mr. Williams received the American Jurisprudence Award in Contract Law. Mr. Williams is admitted to all state and federal courts in South Carolina, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He has been chairman of many Arbitration Panels of the National Association of Securities Dealers, the American Arbitration Association, and the Duke Private Adjudication Center. Mr. Williams is a former chairman of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and President of the Florence Rotary Club. He has served on the School Board at All Saints and St. Anthony's, as Chairman of the Florence County Election Commission, and on the Board of Directors of Florence County Progress. Mr. Williams was a Faculty Seminar Participant at the 1991 U.S. Army War College. Mr. Williams served on the Board of Directors of Community Bankshares and is a Director of IRIX Pharmaceuticals. He was Chairman of the Board of Florence National Bank. Williams was the President of the S.C. Chapter of the Federalist Society and is a member of the Defense Research Institute, American Board of Trial Advocates, and South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association. He has served as Vice-Chairman of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. Mr. Williams is recognized in the following books: *Leading Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers*, and *The Best Lawyers in America*. In 1999, Governor Beasley awarded Mr. Williams the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest honor, for his public service, civic responsibility, and friendship to the State. In 2001, Williams was named Business Person of the Year by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. The University of South Carolina School of Law recognized Williams as a Compleat Lawyer, for his 30+ years of "exemplary

service" to the bar and the public. A Certified Financial Planner (CFP®), Mr. Williams was recognized in a Concurrent Resolution of the S.C. House and Senate for his leadership during the Investment Commission's formative years.

## **Ron Wilder, Ph.D**

Ron Wilder is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics at the Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina, where he conducted research and taught courses in microeconomics, managerial economics, industrial organization, government and business, and health economics. He earned a BA and MA in economics at Rice University, and a Ph.D. in economics at Vanderbilt University.

During his 36 year career at USC, he taught economics at the undergraduate and graduate level, directed many Master's theses and Ph.D. dissertations, and taught managerial economics in the MBA programs, including the televised PMBA. His administrative assignments included service as Chairman of the Department of Economics from 1987 until 2002.

He published a number of articles in economics journals, including the *American Economic Review* and the *Journal of Health Economics*, as well as several monographs. He carried out consulting assignments in areas such as antitrust policy, public utility regulation and valuation of economic losses. His current research interests include health economics, regulation, and financial economics.