



Abacus in Greenville

On July 1, Abacus Planning Group will acquire Greenville-based Beckwith Financial Advisors. Professional colleagues and friends for more than 25 years, Cary Beckwith and Cheryl Holland are joining forces. “The door was always open for this

possibility,” says Abacus President, Cheryl Holland. “We are excited to be merging talent and knowledge for our joint clients.” The firms' histories are deeply intertwined. Laird Whitmire Green worked at Abacus three days per week when she began her career in financial planning with Beckwith Financial Advisors 17 years ago. For more details about the merger, Cary and Cheryl share responses to these [frequently asked questions](#).

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