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Christy L. Smith Foster is a licensed attorney with extensive legal experience in pharmaceutical research and development, intellectual property, commercial law, and government contracting. She has a passion for helping organizations develop innovative approaches to legal issues in support of strategic business initiatives and objectives.

Smith Foster is a senior contracting officer with FHI 360, a non-profit global health organization, where she provides analytical support in interpreting and applying regulations and laws in the operations of global clinical research. Additionally, she manages a complex contractual portfolio consisting of licensing agreements, material transfer agreements, master service agreements, joint development agreements, and collaborative business agreements.

She started her legal career as an attorney at Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice in Raleigh, North Carolina. Thereafter, she worked at PPD where she used her expertise to

support pharmaceutical companies and clinical research organizations with regulatory matters. She was motivated to return to law school and pursue a legal career in research and development after working many years as a registered nurse in large research hospitals where she experienced the legal challenges clinicians and administrators experienced while conducting research to improve the lives of others.

Smith Foster earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her juris doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law.

A trusted leader with a servant's heart, Smith Foster works diligently in her church (Wake Chapel Church), the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and the Junior League of Raleigh to improve her local community.