

## **Debra Newell**

In addition to the NC optician's license Debra Newell obtained in 1987, she also holds a Business Administration degree.

She practiced in the optical industry for 31 years, fitting both eyeglasses and contact lenses. In 1996 she opened Focal Point, a full-service practice management consulting firm specializing in all areas that affect both profitability and quality patient and client care. She has opened and/or been a part of the growth of 40 different practices since Focal Point's opening in Wake Forest. This business allows Debra to remain in touch with and in many instances serve a practitioner's role in the Opticianry profession. She understands the mission and value as a whole of the NC Board and the Opticianry profession in North Carolina.

Governor Cooper reappointed Ms. Newell, after the 2017 election, to another term from the 2017 election, with a 2020 term expiration.