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Michael Seezen is a transactional and securities lawyer whose areas of practice include public finance, corporate securities and SEC reporting. Michael principally represents issuers of debt and/or equity securities, including state and local governments (e.g. cities, counties and special purpose districts), hospitals, colleges and universities, manufacturing companies and utilities. He also represents underwriters and banks (both as purchasers of bonds in private offerings and as providers of liquidity and credit enhancement for public, variable interest rate financings).

Michael reviews and provides guidance with respect to annual, quarterly and other special reports filed by public companies with the Securities and Exchange Commission (e.g. Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K and proxy statements), offering documents used in connection with the sale of public finance and SEC-registered securities and documents utilized in investment, swap and other derivative transactions.

Michael was involved in the creation and execution of the RecoverSC Local Government Liquidity Program by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (JEDA), which was designed to help local governments in South Carolina bridge financial gaps resulting from losses of taxes and revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic with up to \$100 million in total funding available. The transaction was named by The Bond Buyer, the preeminent publication focused on municipal and public finance, as the “Deal of the Year” in the Innovative Financing category and was one of ten finalists for overall “Deal of the Year” for 2021. Michael and the firm were both recognized at The Bond Buyer’s 20th annual “Deal of the Year” awards gala in December 2021. To read the full SC JEDA article, [click here](#).

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CAPABILITIES

Public Finance
Corporate Law
Manufacturing
Health Care
Financial Services
Alternative & Renewable Energy
Multifamily Housing

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law

summa cum laude

B.A., Wake Forest University

cum laude

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South Carolina

Michael J. Seezen

Experience

- Assisted multiple school districts, cities and counties in utilizing innovative installment purchase revenue bond transactions to finance construction of schools and other public facilities and to refinance debt.
- Served as bond counsel for multiple cities and counties, which together issued more than \$1 billion of tax-exempt revenue bonds since 2009, to finance or refinance essential water and sewer infrastructure and stormwater improvements as part of larger capital improvement programs.
- Served as bond counsel to a municipality which issued a "green bond" certified by the Climate Bonds Initiative, the first of its kind in South Carolina.
- Served as underwriter's counsel for multiple redevelopment bonds issued by county to fund mixed-use development in previously blighted, urban areas.
- Assisted a rural South Carolina college to utilize a federal financing program designed for historically black colleges and universities, to help restructure its debt and finance much-needed capital projects.

Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Municipal Law since 2022, Public Finance Law since 2012, Securities/Capital Markets Law since 2013, Securities Regulation since 2013
 - Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, "Lawyer of the Year," Public Finance Law, Columbia, SC (2016-2018), Securities / Capital Markets Law, Columbia, SC (2022), Securities Regulation, Columbia, SC (2014)
- Named, Outstanding Young South Carolinian, South Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce (2013)
- Named, Outstanding Individual Volunteer Fundraiser, Association of Fundraising Professionals Central Carolina (2012)
- Named, "20 Under 40," The State newspaper (2009)

News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- Burr & Forman Represents Kiawah Life Plan Village in Bond Financing for Seafields at Kiawah Island
Firm News, 08.15.2023
- Assistance from Burr Helps Bring \$19 Million in JEDA Bonds to St. Joseph/Candler Health System
Firm News, 09.29.2020
- Burr Helps Leverage Tax-Advantaged Financing through JEDA Bonds for Culinary Arts Institute in Bluffton, South Carolina
Firm News, 08.24.2020
- 49 McNair Attorneys Included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018
Firm News, 08.22.2017

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Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, "COVID-19 Credit and Finance Considerations for South Carolina Governmental Entities: A Conversation with Moody"
Speaking Engagement, 05.05.2020
- South Carolina City and County Management Association Winter Conference
Speaking Engagement, Crowne Plaza; North Augusta, SC, 01.24.2019

Articles

- Recent Changes to Accommodations Tax Statutes to Promote Workforce Housing Development
Article, 05.31.2023
- South Carolina Low Income Housing Tax Credit: Too Much of a Good Thing
Article, 05.05.2023

Blog Posts

- South Carolina State Low Income Housing Tax Credit Will Provide Major Boost to Affordable Housing Projects
Tax Law Insights, 05.15.2020

Civic Activities

- Diversity Leaders Initiative, The Riley Institute at Furman (2017)
- Board Member, United Way of the Midlands (2009-2016); Chair (2015-2016), Vice-Chair (2014-2015), Co-Chair of Campaign Committee (2012-2014); Founding Member, Young Leaders Society Steering Committee
- Board Member, Boy Scouts of America, Indian Waters Council (2017-2018)
- Graduate, Leadership South Carolina (2014)
- Graduate, Leadership Columbia (2008)
- Graduate, Blueprint for Leadership (2007)

Professional Activities

- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers