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Michael 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.

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.

Education

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, University of Tennessee (1998)

- B.A., *cum laude*, Wake Forest University (1995)

Professional Associations

- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers

Honors & Awards

Licensed In

- South Carolina

Community Involvement

- 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)