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Jeff Wagner focuses his practice on public/governmental law, commercial transactions and insurance regulation.

Mr. Wagner has extensive experience in public law matters, including the financing of public projects, public procurements and construction matters.

In addition to his public/governmental law work, Mr. Wagner helps clients in structuring and closing all types of complex financial transactions. He has significant experience working with lenders and borrowers using federal and state loan guaranty programs, including programs through the United States Departments of Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Small Business Administration (SBA). Mr. Wagner also represents clients in all types of affordable housing development.

Since the passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Mr. Wagner has provided invaluable guidance to clients in search of relief and assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program and the Main Street Lending Program. He counsels clients on eligibility, including size determinations and affiliation rules, forgiveness and compliance.

Mr. Wagner's experience has allowed him to develop an understanding of the organizational and practical considerations necessary to the achievement of a successful and timely result in all types of large and complex projects.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Banking and Finance Law, 2013 – 2026; Municipal Law, 2020 – 2026; Project Finance Law, 2020 – 2026; Insurance Law, 2021 – 2026; Administrative/Regulatory Law (2023 – 2026)
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2025 and 2023 Project Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Jackson-MS
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2023 Banking and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Jackson-MS
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2021 Municipal Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Jackson-MS
- Member – American (State and Local Government Law and Business Law Sections), Mississippi and The Capital Area Bar Associations

Publications

- "Borrowers Should Build a Record to Prepare for PPP Loan Forgiveness Appeals," republished in *Banking Exchange* (May 19, 2021)
- "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Significant PPP Changes Benefit Nonprofits and Internet Publishing Organizations" (March 12, 2021)
- "How to Minimize the Risks of Receiving a PPP Loan and Seek Forgiveness," *CityBusiness* (April 16, 2020)
- "Forgive and Forget? Receiving a PPP Loan and Seeking Forgiveness," *CityBusiness* (April 15, 2020)

- "A Few Bad Words," *Probate & Property*, ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section magazine (November/December 2016)



Webinars

- PPP Loan Forgiveness, Government Enforcement and Oversight (June 2021)



Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., 1992, magna cum laude
- Georgia Institute of Technology, B.S., 1988



Admissions

- Mississippi