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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 – 2025; Municipal Law, 2020 – 2025; Project Finance Law, 2020 – 2025; Insurance Law, 2021 – 2025; Administrative / Regulatory Law (2023 – 2025)
- 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)
- "Paycheck Protection Program: A Second Round of Funding for Some New and Existing Borrowers; Other Changes to Benefit All Borrowers" (January 2021)
- "PPP: SBA Issues Guidance on Changes in Ownership and Full Forgiveness Eased for Smaller Loans," republished in *Banking Exchange* (October 16, 2020)

- "Paycheck Protection Program Extended; SBA Releases Borrower Data," republished in *Banking Exchange* (July 7, 2020)
- "SBA Issues New Paycheck Protection Program Forgiveness Applications and Forgiveness Guidance" (June 18, 2020)
- "Congress Makes Significant Changes to Paycheck Protection Program," republished in *Westlaw* (June 5, 2020)
- "Small Business Administration Issues Initial PPP Loan Forgiveness Application" (May 18, 2020)
- "Welcome News on PPP Need Certification: Safe Harbor for Loans Below \$2 Million, More Clarity for Loans Above \$2 Million" (May 13, 2020)
- "SBA Extends Safe Harbor Deadline to May 14, 2020 and Confirms that Foreign Affiliate Employees Must be Counted for Size Purposes," (May 6, 2020); republished in *Global Trade Magazine* (May 14, 2020)
- "Increased Scrutiny of Paycheck Protection Program Loans Coming," (April 29, 2020); republished in *CityBusiness* (May 6, 2020)
- "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)
- "Forgive and Forget? Important Practical Advice for Borrowers Receiving a PPP Loan and Seeking Forgiveness," republished April 15-16, 2020, in *CityBusiness* (April 14, 2020)
- "Summary of Key Points from SBA's April 3 Additional Guidance for Affiliation Rules Under the Paycheck Protection Program" (April 5, 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)
- What You Need To Know: Forgiveness and the Paycheck Protection Program (May 2020)



Education

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



Admissions

- Mississippi