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Sectors

- Real Estate
- Transport, Logistics and Infrastructure
- Manufacturing

Services

- Economic Development
- Corporate Financial Services

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Investigate South Carolina's largest economic development deals of the past 20 years, and chances are Stephanie played a role in making them happen. One of the biggest assets she brings to clients is her familiarity with local and state decision-makers throughout the Southeast, and particularly in South Carolina, where Stephanie had previously served as the City of Charleston's Director of Economic Development.

When the *New York Times* profiled Charleston's economic development boom in 2017, Stephanie was one of the local leaders the *Times* turned to for insight.

Stephanie works closely with domestic and international companies seeking to expand or relocate operations to the Carolinas and the Southeastern United States.

Her efforts on behalf of clients have led to the creation of thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars in new investments.

She works with new and expanding businesses in identifying and negotiating all aspects of a complete incentive package, advocating before the proper entities during all phases of the incentive approval process, and drafting all related documentation for Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreements, state grants, job tax credits, job development credits, utility grants and many other economic development incentives and grants. She advises clients in general tax and corporate matters.

Experience

Any result the lawyer or law firm may have achieved on behalf of clients in other matters does not necessarily indicate similar results can be obtained for other clients.

Sampling of recent transactions:

- Represented manufacturer and corporate headquarters project in largest life sciences announcement in the Lowcountry of South Carolina's history;
- Represented a manufacturer in establishing a 1.5 million square foot manufacturing facility, creating more than 200 new jobs;

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Bar Admissions

- 2008, South Carolina
- 2001, North Carolina

Education

- J.D., 2001, Southern Methodist University School of Law
 - Dean's List
 - Managing Editor of SMU Law Review
 - Barrister
 - Phi Delta Phi
 - Excellence in Advocacy Award
- M.P.A., 1998, University of Charleston
 - Honor Society
- B.A., 1995, College of Charleston
 - Student Body President

- Represented an Italian manufacturer in expanding its original investment and doubling size of its operations in South Carolina; and
- Represented a company locating a large manufacturing facility in South Carolina, creating several thousand new jobs and bringing in hundreds of millions of dollars in capital investment.

Professional Activities

- North Carolina Bar Association
- South Carolina Bar Association

Honors and Awards

- Named one of *Charleston Business Magazine's* Legal Elite for 2019
- Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America® in the field of Economic Development Law, 2012-present
- "40 Under 40" selected by the *Charleston Regional Business Journal*
- Martindale-Hubbell Client Champion, 2019

Civic Activities

- Strategic Plan Alumni Focus Group Member, College of Charleston
- Board of Directors, South Carolina Economic Development Association (SCEDA); Chair, SCEDA Legislative Committee; Member, SCEDA Annual Conference Committee
- Board of Directors, Charleston Regional Development Alliance
- Board of Directors, South Carolina Biotechnology Innovation Organization
 - Board Vice-Chair
 - Executive Committee
 - Annual Conference Chair
- Board of Directors, South Carolina Aquarium
- Graduate, Riley Diversity Leadership Institute of Furman University

Prior Legal Experience

- Associate, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP, 2001-2005, Senior Counsel, Charleston, South Carolina, 2008-2012

Prior Business Experience

- Director of Economic Development for the City of Charleston under Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

Sample Presentations

Stephanie Yarbrough

- Speaker, “Economic Picture in the Southeast,” Charlotte, NC, July 23, 2015
- Co-Presenter, “Water, Economic Development, and the Law: What Business Needs from Law and the Relationship between Economic Development and the Environment,” *South Carolina Law Review* Symposium, Feb. 19, 2015

Publications

- Author, “[Opportunity Zones Can Uplift Communities and Investors Alike](#),” *Area Development*, 2019
- Author, “The Team...and the Timing When Making a U.S. Location Decision,” *Area Development*, 2018
- Author, “Why South Carolina Should Eliminate the Personal Income Tax,” *South Carolina Law Review*, 2015
- Author, “[SCEDA Bill is a Boon for South Carolina Job Development](#),” Law360, November 13, 2018