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Samme L. Gee is a Member in the Health Care, Financial Services, and Public Finance industry groups, focusing primarily on public finance, municipal and tax-exempt bonds, and government relations. She practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Samme has worked on issues related to tax-exempt and taxable municipal bonds, along with related governmental and economic development financings, in addition to corporate trust, legislative services, and governmental agency representation. She routinely serves as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, trustee's counsel or issuer's or borrower's counsel.

Known for her excellent critical thinking and analytical skills, Samme is a leader in her areas of practice. She has extensive experience in the financing and development of infrastructure projects with an emphasis on water, wastewater, highways, healthcare, and public facilities, and economic development projects.

She was named "Lawyer of the Year" in 2024 for Public Finance Law and in 2024 and 2026 for Project Finance Law by *Best Lawyers*®. Additionally, she's been named in the *Best Lawyers*® *Business Edition* "Women in Law," West Virginia *Super Lawyers*®, and Chambers USA America's *Leading Lawyers*.

A collector and fan of Fiestaware – proudly made in West Virginia by Homer Laughlin China since 1936 – Samme is a member of the Homer Laughlin China Collectors Association. She's also such a big fan of a certain springtime treat that she's an official member of the Peeps® Fan Club.

Awards

- Named *The Best Lawyers*® 2024 Charleston, West Virginia, Public Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named *the Best Lawyers*® 2024 and 2026 Charleston, West Virginia, Project Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Ranked in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the area of Banking & Finance Law in West Virginia, 2021, 2023-2025
- Named *The Best Lawyers*' 2021 Charleston, West Virginia Public Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named *The Best Lawyers*' 2020 Charleston, West Virginia Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- *Best Lawyers*® Charleston-WV Public Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year" (2019)
- Named in the 2017 *Best Lawyers*® *Business Edition* "Women in Law"
- Named *The Best Lawyers*' 2017 Charleston, West Virginia, Public Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named *The Best Lawyers*' 2016 Charleston, West Virginia, Project Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named in the 2014-2019 editions of *West Virginia Super Lawyers*® for Government Finance Law

- Selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law, Project Finance Law, and Public Finance Law, 2003-2026
- Named *The Best Lawyers*' 2014 Charleston, WV Public Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named in the 2013 edition of *West Virginia Super Lawyers*® for Bonds/Government Finance Law
- Named in the 2012 edition of *West Virginia Super Lawyers*®
- Ranked in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the area of Corporate/Commercial Law in West Virginia, 2010-2020

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (1983-Present)

Practices

- Business Law
- Construction Law
- Economic Development
- Municipal & Tax-Exempt Bonds
- Opportunity Zones
- Public-Private Partnerships

Industries

- Construction
- Financial Services
- Health Care
- Manufacturing
- Public Finance

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 1983)
- West Virginia University (M.P.A. in Public Administration, 1976)
- West Virginia University (B.S.J. in Journalism, 1975)
- Potomac State College (WV) (A.A. in Journalism, 1973)

Admissions

- West Virginia (1983)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (1983)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (1983)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (1983)

Professional Organizations

- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- West Virginia State Bar
- The West Virginia Bar Association
- West Virginia Rural Water Association
- West Virginia Economic Development Council

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Writings and Publications

- West Virginia Law Review, member (1982-1983)
- "West Virginia's Reimbursement Statute: The Hidden Costs of Institutionalization," 85 W.Va. Law Rev. 121 (Fall, 1982)

Community

- West Virginia University P.I. Reed College of Media, Visiting Committee
- The Center for Rural Health Development, Inc., Board Member
- JFK Society
- WVU Mountaineer Athletic Club — 1100 Club and Legacy Club
- Homer Laughlin China Collectors Association
- Peeps® Fan Club
- West Virginia Investment Management Board, Former Member, and served 16 Years as Trustee and Secretary for the Board of Trustees