

## MICHAEL L. WEISEL

Michael Weisel concentrates his legal practice on banking law, corporate finance, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, commercial real estate, venture capital, business and corporate law, petroleum law, government relations, administrative and regulatory law, campaign finance and election law, and securities arbitration

Mr. Weisel joined Bailey & Dixon after serving as general counsel to the North Carolina House Speaker Pro Tempore Richard T. Morgan. He actively serves on numerous regulatory and administrative bodies and was general counsel to an occupational licensing board.

Representing corporations, financial institutions, insurance companies, associations and individuals before the N.C. General Assembly, U.S. Congress, agencies and regulators, he brings a unique blend of legal, legislative, business and political skills to successfully navigate his clients through governmental squalls.

Mr. Weisel also employs his distinctive experience and expertise in business representation, believing clients need clear, concise and practical counsel from their lawyer – not a 40-page legal memo. His clients get advice on making a good deal work, not excuses or roadblocks on why a deal can't work.

After working nearly 20 years for firms such as Kemper (Zurich) Financial Services and Wells Fargo Bank, Mr. Weisel understands the business perspective. He has extensive experience in turnarounds, workouts, bankruptcy and litigation management. As an investment manager and advisor, he worked with pension funds, domestic and foreign commercial banks, investment and merchant banks, insurance companies, municipalities, and private investors managing over \$1.25 billion in assets.

During the 2008 election for North Carolina State Treasurer, Michael Weisel's extensive experience and qualifications were recognized by the state's largest newspaper. The Charlotte Observer endorsed his candidacy stating, "a high level of expertise is critical, and ought to be the deciding factor for voters. Persuasive campaigning should take a back seat to qualities such as seasoning, the strictest ethics and financial acumen... because of his experience and qualifications, we recommend Michael Weisel for state treasurer."

Mr. Weisel's legal abilities have been recognized by his peers, who voted him a 'Best Lawyer in America' for Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, and a



'Legal Elite' for Business Law in Business North Carolina magazine. Since 2006, he has appeared in Who's Who in American Law.

## PRACTICE AREAS

Administrative and Regulatory Law  
Banking and Credit Union Law  
Business & Corporate Law  
Campaign Finance Law  
Commercial Real Estate  
Corporate Crisis Management  
Election Administration Law  
Government Affairs  
Governmental Law  
Petroleum Marketing Law  
Professional and Occupational Licensing Law  
Professional License & Malpractice Litigation  
Redistricting and Voting Rights Law  
Securities Arbitration  
Tobacco Strategies

## EDUCATION

Duke University 2002 - Current

Ph.D. work in Business History (ABD)

Dissertation in progress: "Charles Schwab and the Steel Navy: The Political Economy of Big Steel and the U. S. Navy 1885 – 1915"

North Carolina State University 2003

M.A.

Thesis: "Dixie Gentlemanly Capitalism: Studies in British Finance of the Confederacy"

Campbell University, School of Law 1980

J.D.

Guilford College 1977

B.S. in Business Management and History (Double Major)

Senior Thesis: "T. E. Lawrence and His Influence on the Arab Revolt"

## BAR ADMISSIONS

State of North Carolina

U. S. District Court, Eastern District of N.C.

U. S. Tax Court

U. S. Supreme Court

## SELECT REPORTED CASES

Burke v. Wilkins, 507 S.E.2d 913 (N.C. App. 1998)

Bailey v. Flue Cured Tobacco Co-op. Stabilization Corp.,  
581 S.E.2d 811 (N.C. App. 2003)

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY

Professional Affiliations North Carolina State Bar

North Carolina Bar Association (Member, Legislative Advisory Committee)

Wake County Bar Association

National Association of Securities Dealers (Prior licenses)

Series 7 License – General Securities Representative

Series 24 License – General Securities Principal

Series 63 License – Uniform State Law

## CORPORATE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

North Carolina Railroad Company – Member and Corporate Secretary (Chair, Audit Committee; Vice Chair, Real Estate Committee), 1999 – 2004

Community Involvement

## CIVIC BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Foreign Trade Zone #93, Chairman, supervising all foreign trade activity within the Raleigh/Durham zone, 1997 – Present

Wake County Smart Start, Inc. (non-profit), Chair, 2006 – 2008 and former Treasurer (Chair, Audit Committee), responsible for allocation and distribution of over \$18 million annually for North Carolina's nationally recognized early childhood education, health, and family support program, 1997 – Present

Wake County Democratic Party, Chairman (two elected terms), 1999 – 2003

North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee, 1997 – Present

Edenton Street Methodist Child Development Center, Board Member, 1996 – 1998

Candidate, North Carolina State Treasurer, 1995 – 1996; 2007 - 2008

#### PUBLIC POLICY BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) – Certified Arbitrator and Chairman for public or industry securities arbitration and dispute resolution, 1998 – Present

United States Selective Service System, Local Board Member – North Carolina, Appointed on behalf of the President, 2003 - 2023

North Carolina Board of Community Colleges – Member, governing body of NC Community College System, 1997 – 2000 (Vice Chair, Finance and Audit Committee)

North Carolina Legislative Financial Institutions Committee – Member, charged with recommending state financial statutory changes, 1998 – 1999

North Carolina State Banking Commission – Member, provided regulatory oversight of all NC banks, 1993 – 1997

North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement Systems – Trustee, oversight of the State's \$62 billion pension funds, 1993 – 1995

North Carolina Local Government Employees' Retirement System – Trustee, oversight of the State's \$62 billion pension funds, 1993 – 1995

Legislative School Capital Construction Study Commission, resulting in North Carolina's successful \$1.8 billion new school construction bond issuance, 1993 – 1995

Honors and Distinctions

Selected for inclusion in 'The Best Lawyers in America' for Corporate Governance and Compliance Law.

Selected as 'Legal Elite' for Business Law in Business North Carolina magazine.

Martindale-Hubbell's peer review highest rating "AV" for legal ability and ethical standards.

Selected as Fellow of the Institute of Political Leadership.

Named Outstanding Young Man of America by National Jaycees.

Listed in Who's Who in America since 2006.

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Listed in Who's Who in the World since 2008.