



BURGHERGRAY EXPANDS TO CHICAGO, ADDS PARTNER CHUCK KATZ



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CHICAGO — BurgherGray LLP is excited to announce that acclaimed public finance attorney **Charles “Chuck” Katz** has joined the firm as a partner, and will anchor the firm’s newly minted Chicago office. With the addition of Chuck, the New York City-based law firm now has a presence in Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., bolstering its NYC headquarters and allowing it to better serve clients throughout the United States and beyond.

Chuck, who is no stranger to the firm, joins BurgherGray after working as a partner for Barnes & Thornburg LLP in its Chicago office, where he often served as external special tax counsel to BurgherGray on its public finance transactions. His practice centers on tax-exempt financing, particularly the tax law requirements with regard thereto, including IRS audits and compliance issues. He has advised clients on bonds issued by government agencies and instrumentalities, hospitals, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations, among others.

“We are thrilled to have Chuck join the BurgherGray family from within,” said Robert Drillings, head of the firm’s public finance practice. “Chuck has a unique understanding of tax-exempt financing issues, something that is more important now than ever. Having Chuck as a full-time member of the team working from within provides dedicated and reliable access to his ability to walk his clients—whether they be issuers, underwriters, or borrowers—through every step of the bond financing process, which will be a huge asset to our clients going forward.”

Chuck joins and augments a deep bench of BigLaw-trained finance lawyers at the firm, including Drillings, his longtime friend and fellow public finance bond lawyer who joined the firm over a year ago after being introduced by Chuck to Managing Partner Gopal Burgher. Chuck had been introduced to Burgher many years ago by a mutual friend at one of the firm’s bond issuer clients, and the two have kept in touch over the years.

“I’m proud to bring my experience and skills to BurgherGray,” Chuck said. “Tax and bond issues are complex and difficult to grasp. Every day I roll up my sleeves to help my clients understand and navigate these complicated issues, allowing them to feel good and confident about their decisions. As a result, I’ve been able to form these special connections with my clients that allow them to rely on me not just as their lawyer but as their trusted advisor.”

Burgher added that, “We are excited to have a presence in Chicago. It’s something we’ve been wanting to do for a long time. To operate in the third-largest city in the country, home to so many great clients and businesses, and to have a great attorney like Chuck Katz launch and lead that effort, was very appealing for us. The possibilities are exciting and I look forward to doing great things together with Chuck.”

Chuck, a native New Yorker, will also be working out of the firm’s New York office from time to time and is excited at the prospect of spending more time in New York. He obtained his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and his B.A. from Union College. He was named a Top 10 Leading Public Finance Lawyer in Illinois by Leading Lawyers in 2019 and 2020.

Learn more about Chuck Katz and the firm by visiting burghergray.com.

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