

Public Finance

Navigating the public finance arena has become increasingly complex as issuers face challenges related to new and innovative financing tools, increasing scrutiny in the current regulatory environment and SEC oversight of the municipal bond marketplace. Our attorneys are experienced in maneuvering these ever-changing issues and make it their priority to stay up to date on all the latest changes that effect this industry, and its many subsectors, to ensure their clients stay well informed.

We have earned a national reputation within the subspecialty of implementing federal tax credits for qualifying projects; and we have deep experience and specialized knowledge regarding public finance borrowings including governmental bonds, private activity bonds, housing bonds, tax credit transactions and distressed workouts. Our attorneys have a national reputation and a proven track record for providing exceptional legal representation in this multidisciplinary area of law.

Our Public Finance practice attorneys support clients across various industries including higher education, not-for-profit organizations such as private foundations, real estate, insurance, and health care in matters related to advising bond underwriters and credit enhancement providers, and serving as issuer's counsel to functioning as a trustee, special HUD or lender's counsel in affordable housing deals. In addition, we serve as special counsel in public finance transactions.

We serve as:

- Bond Counsel
- Bank Counsel
- Letter of Credit Bank Counsel
- Credit Enhancement Provider's Counsel
- Trustee's Counsel
- Issuer's Counsel
- Special HUD Counsel
- Underwriters' Counsel
- Financial Advisor's Counsel
- Agent's Counsel
- Company Counsel
- Lender's Counsel

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RELATED PRACTICES

Corporate and Securities

Equity and Debt Financing

Formation and Governance

Real Estate

RELATED INDUSTRIES

Financial & Investment Services

- Borrower's Counsel

Our attorneys are at the forefront of Public Finance and are members of several national organizations, keeping them abreast of the changing industry trends, including the National Bond Lawyers Association and Women in Public Finance.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Served as bond counsel to several housing finance agencies in the northeast.

Represented investment bankers as underwriter's counsel concerning several multimillion-dollar airport projects.

Represented investment bankers as underwriter's counsel related to several multimillion-dollar arena projects.

Served as special HUD counsel on affordable housing transactions.

In a complex housing equity fund program, served as lender's counsel to a Fortune 500 company.

Served as both bond and underwriter's counsel to Housing finance agencies for multifamily and single-family housing transactions.

Represented a water utility company as disclosure and bond counsel.

Served as underwriter's counsel to water sewer system company.

Represented several 501c3 nonprofits as bond counsel in support of their capital improvement/building projects.

Served as bond counsel to municipalities in their infrastructure projects.

Represented several utilities companies as their special company counsel concerning their bond programs.

Served as bond counsel to independent schools concerning their facilities bond program.

Served as bond counsel to hospitals in their medical care facilities finance programs.

Served as company counsel to entities in their green bond programs.

Represented various cities as bond counsel for their bond programs.

Served as bond counsel to energy authority of northeastern state.

Represented a northeastern state power authority as bond counsel.

PUBLICATIONS

PHOENIX-LIKE: THE CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT RETURNS, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DUE MARCH 21, 2025
Business Department Alert, 2.21.25