

Municipal and Public Finance

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Comprehensive experience in public finance law and municipal finance transactions to help Arkansas communities achieve their capital improvement and economic development projects.

Our Municipal and Public Finance team of lawyers believe in working hard and finding creative solutions to help our clients achieve their goals for job creation and community growth. Having worked on some of the largest projects in the state, we assist Arkansas state agencies, municipalities, counties, cities, boards and commissions with public financing of capital improvement and economic development projects. We also provide tax analysis regarding the tax-exempt aspects of municipal bonds.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Decades of experience helping Arkansas communities
- Extensive experience handling taxable and tax-exempt public and private finance transactions
- Deep understanding of complex structured debt financing
- Resources of a full-service law firm

CAPABILITIES

- Extensive experience serving as bond counsel, underwriters counsel, issuers counsel, borrowers counsel, special tax counsel and disclosure counsel for all types of public financing projects throughout Arkansas.
- Handle industrial/economic development revenue bond matters (PILOT projects, tax abatement and Act 9 Bonds) including \$3 billion, \$1.5 billion and \$800 million steel industry expansion projects in Arkansas
- Public financing of capital improvement projects for school districts, state agencies, municipalities, and counties
- Higher education bonds for athletic facilities, including a \$115 million stadium project, residence halls, educational facilities and health care facilities
- School district bonds including a project for \$108 million refunding and construction bonds to finance new school facilities
- Water and sewer revenue bonds for projects ranging from \$1 million to \$10 million
- Work with state and local issuers in matters of eminent domain, foreclosures, workouts and environmental and hazardous waste
- Broadband project financings
- Solar project financings
- Taxable and tax-exempt public and private finance transactions
- Complex structured debt financing
- Tax-Exempt 501(c)(3) conduit bond transactions including public charter schools and health care facilities
- Tax-Exempt and taxable public finance transactions including public-private partnerships

- Tax-Exempt private activity bonds including exempt facilities
- Municipal and school lease financing, including energy conservation projects
- Franchise fee revenue bonds
- Private placement bond offerings
- Sales and use tax bonds
- Letters of credit
- Trustee representation
- Underwriter representation