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Profile

Matt is a business law attorney who concentrates his practice in public finance, commercial lending and corporate transactions, including tax-exempt financing of infrastructure projects for municipalities, hospitals, universities, school districts, other 501(c)(3) organizations and manufacturers.

He has served as bond counsel to public agencies, municipalities and school districts, as counsel to municipal bond underwriters, borrower's counsel and trustee's counsel for a variety of tax-exempt and taxable bond financings and project financings.

Matt has extensive experience in the public finance sector representing industrial development agencies, local development corporations, local bond issuers, private business and numerous underwriting and placement firms on tax-exempt and taxable financings including:

- acting as borrower's counsel for a paper manufacturer in connection with a "qualified small issue bond" financing (Section 144(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) for various capital projects and the refinancing of outstanding debt; and
- acting as bond counsel to an industrial development agency in connection with a \$5.5 million industrial development "qualified small issue bond" in connection with the expansion of a manufacturing facility.

Matt has experience representing private entities in straight lease transactions.

As a corporate attorney, Matt has experience in counseling individuals, businesses and various not-for-profit institutions in a broad range of business and transactional matters including contract drafting, review and negotiation. He has represented numerous investment banks in connection with bond and securities financings. Matt is experienced in public and private securities transactions including exempt securities offerings through private placements.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Public Finance Law, 2020-2024 (listed for 5 years)
 - Lawyer of the Year - Public Finance Law, 2023

Education

- Albany Law School (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1998)
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A. 1995)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- Municipalities
- Public Finance
- Property
- Commercial Lending
- Business and Transactions
- Essential Resources for Business

- *Martindale-Hubbell®*, AV Preeminent Rated
- New York State Bar Association
- Onondaga County Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- New York State Economic Development Council
- Justinian Honorary Law Society
- Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Representative Presentations

- An Interview with Matthew Wells, Public Finance and OCIs, Legally Bond Podcast, July 24, 2023

Other Activities

- Member- Executive committee, Onondaga County Republican Committee
- Member- Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Dewitt