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Illinois Public Finance Practice

Chapman and Cutler was founded in 1913 as a firm focused on finance, and that mission and focus continue to this day. During our 109-year history, we have represented many units of local government throughout the state of Illinois on thousands of transactions with an aggregate par amount in the billions of dollars. This experience has allowed us to cultivate decades-long relationships with many Illinois units of local government. Our attorneys work from many perspectives, but Chapman's singular focus on finance gives us a common base of understanding that enhances our ability to deliver exceptional service and value to our clients.

Who We Are

Chapman is widely recognized as one of the premier law firms in the nation for public finance. Our work is collaborative and team-oriented. With our focus on finance, we are able to draw from the experience of other Chapman attorneys throughout the firm, whose practices include taxation, corporate finance, banking, asset securitization, project finance, and sports finance.

Our Illinois Public Finance Group consists of 14 attorneys who practice virtually exclusively in Illinois and have a collective 220 years of experience with public finance transactions throughout the state.

We frequently speak, write, and present on topics important to our Illinois public finance clients, and we are actively involved with professional organizations such as the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, and the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association.

Our Illinois Public Finance Group includes an experienced team of government relations professionals. We regularly write legislation for our clients that is enacted into law.

Chapman also has one of the largest groups of tax attorneys in the country dedicated to public finance. Four of the firm's tax attorneys spend the majority of their billable time on taxation matters relating to municipal finance.

Our Services

We serve as bond, disclosure, special tax, and underwriter's counsel for units of government throughout Illinois, including:

- state agencies and authorities
- counties
- cities, townships, and villages
- school districts
- park districts
- forest preserve districts
- community college districts
- library districts
- sanitary districts
- fire protection districts

As bond counsel, Chapman consistently dominates the bond counsel rankings in Illinois, according to *Refinitiv* tabulations. In 2022, we completed 184 bond counsel transactions in Illinois — more than six times as many transactions as our nearest competitor in the state.

As disclosure counsel, we regularly top the national *Refinitiv* charts with more transactions as disclosure counsel than any other firm, largely due to our prominence in Illinois. In 2022, we completed 116 disclosure counsel transactions in Illinois — twice as many transactions as all other Illinois firms combined. We also have substantial experience serving as special pension disclosure for Illinois issuers.



Illinois Long Term Municipal New Issues Bond Counsel — 2022

FIRM	NUMBER OF ISSUES	TOTAL PAR AMOUNT
Chapman and Cutler LLP	184	\$4.684 billion
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	11	\$2.009 billion
Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP	3	\$1.081 billion
Neal & Leroy LLC	4	\$884.0 million
Kutak Rock LLP	9	\$703.5 million
Ice Miller	29	\$555.8 million
Charity & Associates PC	6	\$473.3 million
Mayer Brown LLP	1	\$350.0 million
Foley & Lardner LLP	2	\$189.7 million

Source: Refinitiv Municipal Market Analysis, Bond Counsel, 2022

Illinois Long Term Municipal New Issues Disclosure Counsel — 2022

FIRM	NUMBER OF ISSUES	TOTAL PAR AMOUNT
Chapman and Cutler LLP	116	\$3.985 billion
Cotillas & Associates	5	\$1.793 billion
Miller Canfield	5	\$1.788 billion
Greenberg Traurig LLP	6	\$1.088 billion
Charity & Associates PC	1	\$872.2 million
Burke Buns & Plnelli Ltd	3	\$599.9 million
Clark Hill Thorp Reed	3	\$488.9 million
Ryes Kurson	3	\$488.9 million
Ice Miller	25	\$331.5 million

Source: Refinitiv Municipal Market Analysis, Disclosure Counsel, 2022

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