



ILLINOIS PUBLIC FINANCE PRACTICE

Chapman and Cutler LLP

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Chapman and Cutler was founded in 1913 as a firm focused on finance, and that mission and focus continue to this day. During our 106-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 15 attorneys who practice virtually exclusively in Illinois and have a collective 215 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. Seven 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 *Thomson Reuters* tabulations. In 2018, we completed 251 bond counsel transactions in Illinois — more than 7 times as many transactions as our nearest competitor in the state.

As disclosure counsel, we regularly top the national *Thomson Reuters* charts with more transactions as disclosure counsel than any other firm, largely due to our prominence in Illinois. In 2018, we completed 180 disclosure counsel transactions in Illinois — more than 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 — 2018

FIRM	NUMBER OF ISSUES	TOTAL PAR AMOUNT
Chapman and Cutler LLP	251	\$3,934.7 million
Ice Miller	32	\$314.0 million
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	18	\$1,503.0 million
Louis F Cainkar Ltd	12	\$87.3 million
Kutak Rock LLP	11	\$607.1 million
Miller Canfield	11	\$121.2 million
Foley & Lardner LLP	10	\$100.2 million
Greenberg Traurig LLP	8	\$169.3 million

Source: Thomson Reuters Municipal Market Analysis, Bond Counsel, 2018

Illinois Long Term Municipal New Issues Disclosure Counsel — 2018

FIRM	NUMBER OF ISSUES	TOTAL PAR AMOUNT
Chapman and Cutler LLP	180	\$2,804.6 million
Ice Miller	31	\$236.6 million
Charity & Associates PC	7	\$241.5 million
Chico & Nunes LLP	5	\$1,058.3 million
Miller Canfield	5	\$1,035.3 million
Foley & Lardner LLP	5	\$412.5 million
Thompson Coburn LLP	4	\$705.8 million
Pugh Jones & Johnson PC	4	\$593.6 million
Burke Burns & Pinelli Ltd	4	\$476.6 million

Source: Thomson Reuters Municipal Market Analysis, Disclosure Counsel, 2018

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