



## John Renken Partner

John is the Managing Partner of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP and a member of the firm's Management Committee. He is a creative problem-solver and strategist who assists clients in understanding and navigating the legal complexities of financial transactions.

John's practice is focused on transactional, governance, disclosure and corporate matters, with an emphasis on financing activity within the health care, housing, cultural and higher education sectors. He has been lead counsel for issuers, borrowers, underwriters, lenders and credit providers in connection with more than \$25 billion of financing activity, and he has participated in transactions in nearly every state during his 30 years of practice. John led the firm's participation in several transactions that were awarded "Deal of the Year" by *The Bond Buyer*.

John advises government entity clients with respect to constitutional and legal authority, contracts, pending legislation, proposed regulations, compliance matters and federal tax issues. For private sector clients, he organizes and assists with the maintenance of private business entities, including applications for tax-exempt status, merger/affiliation work, §501(c)(3) joint venture documentation, public-private partnerships, start-up activities, compliance matters and on-going general legal representation. During the course of his practice, John has interacted with all of the nationally recognized credit rating agencies and is familiar with their criteria and rationale for the assignment of ratings, including those for structured financings.

John has participated as a panelist and as a panel chairperson at conferences of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the American Bar Association and the National Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities. He has written articles and white papers on issues relating to finance transactions, securities law and tax matters.

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## INDUSTRIES

Health Care  
Housing  
Cultural Institutions and  
Foundations  
Education

## PRACTICES

Bond Counsel  
Borrower's Counsel  
Private Placements  
Disclosure Counsel  
Underwriters' Counsel

## EDUCATION

DePauw University, B.A.,  
(Economics), Management  
Fellows Honors Program  
Georgetown University, Institute  
on Comparative Political and  
Economic Systems  
University of Michigan Business  
School, M.B.A., High  
Distinction, Beta Gamma Sigma  
Indiana University (Maurer)  
School of Law, J.D.

## ADMISSIONS

New York  
California  
Michigan  
District of Columbia  
Oregon  
Washington  
Nevada

HAWKINS

Alaska  
Colorado  
Supreme Court of the United  
States

## Speaking Engagements

- **Multifamily National Association of Bond Lawyers**  
National Association of Bond Lawyers, Bond Attorneys Workshops
- **Health Care Facilities – Non-Tax Matters**  
National Association of Bond Lawyers, Bond Attorneys Workshops