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William J. Jackson Partner

Bill serves as bond counsel and underwriters' counsel on various tax-exempt and taxable financings, with a focus on financings involving public authorities and quasigovernmental entities, various special purpose entities, counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts and fire districts in the state of New York.

Prior to joining the firm, Bill was an assistant vice president at a large national financial advisory firm, which served state and local governments. As a financial advisor, Bill assisted with the issuance of over \$6 billion in temporary and permanent Hofstra University School of tax-exempt obligations.

Bill joined the firm in 2004 as an associate and became a partner in 2015.

Throughout his career, Bill has participated in a wide variety of transactions as bond counsel and underwriters' counsel, many involving property tax-supported bond and note issues. Bill has an extensive knowledge of all aspects of the New York State Local Finance Law, its constitutional and statutory framework, and its requirements regarding capital and cash flow financings.

Bill's broad experience with local governments and school districts enables him to provide assistance to issuers across New York State as they address challenges, such as the 2% tax cap, aging infrastructure, the increasing cost of Federal and State mandates, audits and post issuance compliance matters and increasing pension and healthcare costs. Bill has also gained considerable experience with distressed governmental situations.

Bill finds value in working closely with his clients to assist them in implementing their overall policy objectives in a cost effective and efficient manner. During every engagement, Bill strives to provide a critical perspective for his clients, never losing sight of the importance of sound advice and guidance, timely delivery of work

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INDUSTRIES

Education **Public Buildings** Solid Waste Transportation Water

PRACTICES

Bond Counsel **Private Placements** Underwriters' Counsel

EDUCATION

St. John's University, B.A. St. John's University, M.A., **Public Administration** Law, J.D.

ADMISSIONS

New York Commonwealth of Massachusetts



product and attention to detail.

Bill has served as principal draftsperson for special State legislation relating to public finance matters and is active in several professional organizations. Bill is frequently called upon to address these and other organizations on matters relating to public finance.

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Speaking Engagements

- **Panel discussion Trends and Strategies in the Municipal Bond Market** New York State ASBO 2022 Education Summit & Expo, Saratoga Springs
- **Panel discussion Trends and Strategies in the Municipal Bond Market** NYGFOA 2022 Annual Conference, Albany, NY
- Construction and Financing Primer Nassau/Suffolk School Law
- Investment of Public Funds Association of School Business Officials, Annual Conference
- Investment of Public Funds by Local Municipalities in New York State New York State Government Finance Officers Association, Regional Seminars
- Hot Topics in Municipal Finance Law County Attorneys Association of the State of New York, Annual Conference
- New SEC Requirements Relating to the Issuance of Debt New York State City Management Association, Annual Conference
- Hot Topics in Municipal Finance Law: Recent Developments Involving the SEC and Municipal Bond Disclosures, IRS Audits of Municipal Bonds and High Profile Municipal Bankruptcy Proceedings New York State Bar Association, Municipal Law Section, Annual Meeting

Publication

• Co-author of The Graduate Assistant Labor Movement, NYU and its Aftermath: A Study of the Attitudes of Graduate Teaching and Research Assistants at Seven Universities, 21 HOFSTRA LAB. & EMP. L.J. 753