



## American Museum of Natural History - Richard Gilder Center

Hawkins served as underwriters' counsel for the American Museum of Natural History of \$135 million of taxable bonds to permanently finance a portion of the costs of its new Richard Gilder Center for the Science, Education and Innovation. This five-story, 190,000 square foot center is being constructed to be integrated within the existing Museum while improving the efficient use of its extensive historic existing facilities. New facilities will include cutting-edge interactive learning space, an invisible worlds theater, exhibition space and galleries for the Museum's world class insects and butterfly collections, a new research library and other educational facilities. The Gilder Center was designed to achieve LEED Gold certification through water efficient landscaping, water use reduction, energy efficient construction materials and lighting system and displacement ventilation. Second-party opinion supported designation as "sustainability bonds" was based upon alignment of the Gilder Center project and the Museum's overall educational mission with United Nation's Sustainability Goals relating to quality education, sustainable cities and communities and climate action.

**Role:** Underwriter's Counsel

**Distinction:** LEED Gold Certification; Sustainability Bond Designation

**Issuer:** American Museum of Natural History

**Issue Size:** \$135 Million

### Attorneys

- Bruce Van Dusen
- Kenneth Roberts

### Practice

- Underwriters' Counsel

### Industry

- Cultural Institutions and Foundations