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Anthony, a public finance attorney by day and Super Dad by night, has focused his practice on public finance law for nearly 20 years. He is a nationally recognized Red Book Bond Counsel and a member of both the National Association of Bond Lawyers and the Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers. He has served as bond counsel to issuers of tax-exempt obligations for financing a wide variety of projects including schools, water and sewer facilities, municipal buildings, colleges and universities, recreational facilities, stadiums and arenas, and parking facilities. Beyond his practice as bond counsel, Anthony represents several investment and commercial banks as underwriters counsel and maintains an active practice as bank counsel for providers of paying agent and trustee services.

All this experience and the wisdom that comes from aging like a fine wine, allows him to work closely with clients to develop strategies focused on efficiently achieving their goals and optimizing the economic benefits of their transactions. His broad experience and close client relationships fuel his enthusiasm and his excitement in seeing new deals unfold and new facilities constructed.

While highly experienced and successful in the world of public finance, Anthony's ingratiating style and light-hearted personality may be what keeps clients coming back to work with him again and again. It may also be what draws attorneys to the Pittsburgh office.

During his tenure as office managing partner, he has worked diligently with his colleagues to double the number of attorneys in the office and add several successful practice groups to better serve clients. While proud of the growth of the office and the ability to better serve the region, he continues to look for opportunities to build on his success by serving as a member of the firm's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the Diversity Committee.

His life-long commitment to Pittsburgh is evident in his involvement in the community. Anthony currently sits as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation, is as a former member of the Board of Trustees of the BradMarPine Athletic Association and the North Allegheny Foundation. His lovely wife, Sam, took his seat on the Board of Trustees of the North Allegheny Foundation, for which the trustees are eternally grateful.

Anthony tries to enjoy every moment to its fullest. He loves his family, friends and the wonderful dining, sports and cultural events found in the Pittsburgh area. While he says he's a golfer, witnesses would likely disagree.

## Services

- Public Finance
- Economic Development
- Public Finance Education
- Traditional Governmental Finance
- Education Industry
- Public Finance Public Utilities

## Education

- Duquesne University School of Law (J.D., 1995)
  - Appellate Moot Court Honor Society, chairman
- Ohio University (B.A., 1992)
  - Finance and Business Pre-Law

## Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

## Affiliations/Memberships

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers
- Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation, Board of Trustees
- Pennsylvania School Boards Association
- Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials
- Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Association

## Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*®
  - "Lawyer of the Year" in Pittsburgh for Public Finance Law (2016)
  - Public Finance Law (2022-2024)
- "Father of the Year" by the Ditka family for 17 straight years

## Experience

## **Public Education Bond Counsel**

We have served as bond counsel in the issuance of multiple general obligation, qualified school construction and infrastructure improvement bonds to schools and school districts throughout Pennsylvania for the construction, renovation and improvement of educational and athletic facilities. We have represented an array of school districts, including: Allegheny Valley, Blackhawk, Crawford Central, Deer Lakes, Wilmington Area, Mars Area, McKeesport Area and West Allegheny.

## **Municipal Government and Authorities Bond Counsel**

We have served as bond counsel in representing a wide range of municipal governments and authorities throughout Pennsylvania. We have represented our clients in connection with the issuance of general obligation, sewer revenue, water revenue, recreational facility and infrastructure improvement bonds. Among the clients we have represented in this area are: Municipal Water Authority of Adams Township, North Franklin Township, the West Branch Sewer Authority, Clairton Municipal Authority, Fox Chapel Authority, Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, Pine-Harrisville Authority and Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority. A comprehensive list of our experience representing municipal governments and authorities as bond counsel is available [here](#).

## **Counties and County Agencies Bond Counsel**

We have served as bond counsel for a number of counties and county agencies throughout Pennsylvania. Included in our client list are: Butler County, Clarion County, Mercer County, Somerset County and Warren County.

## **General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2009**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 authorized certain issuers to issue taxable bonds known as "Build America Bonds" to finance capital expenditures for which it could issue tax-exempt bonds. Dinsmore & Shohl served as bond counsel to the Penn Hills School District on one of the first and largest issues of Build America Bonds by a school district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## **Hospital Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, 2009 Series A**

Dinsmore & Shohl served as counsel for Charleston Area Medical Center, Inc., the Charleston Area Medical Center Foundation, Inc. and their affiliates in connection with the public offering of tax-exempt revenue bonds, to finance the cost of refunding certain previously incurred indebtedness and paying a portion of the termination payment related to the termination of a hedge agreement entered into in connection with the issuance of such previously incurred indebtedness.

## **Federal Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2010**

When the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania decided to utilize certain financing options under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by issuing (direct payment) Qualified School Construction Bonds in order to assist certain less wealthy, or fast-growing, school districts within the state, Dinsmore & Shohl was there, serving as local bond counsel to approximately one-sixth of the pool of participating school districts.

## **Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2009**

In July, 2009, Dinsmore & Shohl served as company counsel to Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC in connection with the public offering of Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds, to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing, equipping and/or installing of certain pollution control equipment and solid waste disposal facilities.

