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Chris concentrates his practice in public finance and has done so since his graduation from law school to what is now a 44-year career devoted to municipal bonds. His clients comprise an extensive range of state and local governments, non-profit institutions and private corporations that qualify for tax-exempt financing, together with investment, commercial and trustee banks. In addition to the traditional lead role of bond counsel, he has served as underwriter's, trustee's and special tax counsel on thousands of transactions involving billions of dollars of tax-exempt municipal debt in several states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. Those transactions cover a broad spectrum from classic, fixed rate, general obligation bonds financing traditional governmental projects to creative, variable rate, special revenue debt financing private economic development projects. In addition, these transactions include a number of "firsts" - for off balance sheet dormitories, for intermediate unit office buildings and for refundings of expired assets.

Chris worked for periods of time during his career as his firm's chief Section 103 tax attorney and an investment banker. This experience enables him to bring practical business insight to the legal counsel he provides.

Services

- Public Finance
- Traditional Governmental Finance
- Public Finance Education
- Public Finance Public Utilities

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D., 1979)
- University of Pittsburgh (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1976)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Affiliations/Memberships

- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Municipal and School Solicitors Section
- Pennsylvania School Boards Association
- Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials
- County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- Mt. Lebanon School District Local Tax Study Commission, chairman

Distinctions

- Peer Review Rated AV in *Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Best Lawyers*®
 - Public Finance Law (2022-2024)

Experience

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.

General Obligation Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, Series 2009

In December, 2009, under the shadow of a December 31 deadline by which time the Federal allocation of authority for this financing was set to expire, Dinsmore & Shohl served as bond counsel to the County of Lycoming on the private placement of this true “tax credit” bond, to finance certain electric power generating facilities at a County-owned landfill.

Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010

Pursuant to a voter-approved amendment to the state constitution, Ohio was able, with the assistance of Dinsmore & Shohl serving as its bond counsel, to borrow funds to pay certain benefits and compensation to eligible veterans (or their survivors) for military service in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts.