



Mr. Tupitza advises clients in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, including health care providers, on finance, real estate and governance matters. A past president of the Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers, he is active throughout western Pennsylvania as bond counsel in tax-exempt financing transactions. His real estate practice includes significant involvement with condominiums, and he is a licensed title insurance agent.

Education

- Harvard Law School, 1982, J.D. *Cum Laude*
Executive Editor, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, 1981-82
- Westminster College, 1979, B.A. *Summa Cum Laude*

Recent Accomplishments

- representing the developer in an \$80 million refinancing of several hotel and resort properties, including provision of title insurance
- acting as bond counsel for an aggregate \$88 million in expansion financing for a health care system
- representing the owner in a \$56 million financing for a student housing project, including provision of title insurance
- acting as bond counsel for \$22 million in expansion financing for a college
- creating several office and mixed-use condominiums

Awards & Honors

- Everyday Leader Award, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 2007
- Westminster College Alumni Citation, 1998

Speaking Engagements

- Numerous programs on nonprofit governance and compliance

Community and Professional Service

- Erie Regional Chamber, *Growth Partnership Committee*
- Hamot Health Foundation, *Trustee*
- The Nonprofit Partnership, *Director*
- Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Inc., *Treasurer*
- Rotary Club of Erie, *Director*
- United Way of Erie County, *Leadership Giving Committee*
- Westminster College, *Trustee*

Practice Concentration

- § Public Finance
- § Real Estate
- § Health Law
- § Nonprofit Organizations

Firm Involvement

- § Shareholder
- § Board of Directors, *President*

Admissions & Certifications

- § Pennsylvania, 1982
- § U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania
- § U.S. Court of Appeals 3d Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- § Erie County Bar Association
- § Pennsylvania Bar Association, *Access to Justice Committee*
- § American Bar Association
- § Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, *Fellow*
- § American Bar Foundation, *Fellow*
- § Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers, *Former President*
- § National Association of Bond Lawyers
- § American Health Lawyers Association
- § American Law Institute, *Member*

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