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Public Finance & Bonds

Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C. has served borrowers, banks, and underwriters in public finance transactions for over 35 years. We have been listed in The Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace ("Red Book") since 1975 and were the first northwestern Pennsylvania firm so listed.

Members of the firm have been active in the Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers (three as president) and the National Association of Bond Lawyers. We have served as bond counsel in over a dozen Pennsylvania counties and as bank counsel in transactions throughout Pennsylvania, as well as in western New York and northeastern Ohio.

In the past five years, we have given tax opinions in over 50 transactions aggregating over $1.2 billion dollars in principal amount. We have counseled on general obligation, revenue, and tax anticipation issues. These projects have been undertaken for a variety of organizations, including, but not limited to:

- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Colleges and universities
- Manufacturers
- Cultural institutions
- Human services agencies and other nonprofits
- School districts
- Counties
- Municipalities
- Municipal authorities
- Housing projects

Our Public Finance Attorneys:

- Serve as bond, bank, and underwriter counsel
- Secure required approvals under the Local Government Unit Debt Act
- Document finance transactions for general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, tax and revenue anticipation notes, specialized facilities bonds, and industrial development bonds

- Provide opinions regarding the validity, security, tax-exempt, and tax credit status of bonds, notes, and leases
- Assist in reviewing official statements to ensure compliance with federal securities disclosure laws
- Monitor arbitrage regulations
- Advise borrowers on federal compliance issues

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