

## Hawkins Acted as Counsel to 3 of the Bond Buyer's Deal of the Year Finalists

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Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP is proud to have participated in 3 of the financings honored in this year Bond Buyer's Deal of the Year.

Hawkins was the special contract counsel to the San Diego County Water Authority in the development of California's first major reverse osmosis seawater desalination project (50 mgd), structured as a DBFO public-private partnership from 2003 to 2013. The \$800 million desalination and pipeline project, to be built in Carlsbad at the site of an existing power plant, will serve to substantially expand San Diego County's reliable supply of local water sources. The project won the Bond Buyer's Far West Region category as well as the Project Finance Magazine Deal of the Year Award. The lead partner for this transaction was Eric S. Petersen.

Hawkins was the Bond Counsel to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's \$24 Million residential energy efficiency financing revenue bonds. The bonds financed or refinanced loans made by the Authority to fund energy efficiency improvements for eligible applicants to the New York Green Jobs program for 1-4 family dwellings. The transaction won the small issuer financing category. The lead partners on the transaction were Bruce Van Dusen, John V. Connorton and James Eustis.

Hawkins was also the Bond Counsel the Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey in its \$827 Million General Obligation Bonds, which won Bond Buyer's Deal of the Year Healthcare financing category. The issuance is part of the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act, in which the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey facilities and indebtedness were transferred to Rutgers. The 2013 series were issued to refund certain outstanding debt and finance and or refinance cost of construction and certain capital project of UMDNJ. The lead partners for this transaction were Patricia Goins and Lisa Forcht.

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