

Hawkins Passes One Trillion Dollar Mark in Deals

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Since 1980 (the date from which reliable data have been gathered) Hawkins has completed over one trillion dollars in public finance deals as bond counsel and underwriters' counsel, according to data collected by Thomson Reuters. Since 1980, Hawkins is the number one ranked underwriters' counsel and number two ranked bond counsel, based on dollar volume. And in 2015, and 2016 (to date), Hawkins was ranked first nationally as underwriters' counsel and second as bond counsel. Among the noteworthy deals in which we participated this year was the \$2.4 billion dollar bond issue for the rebuilding of LaGuardia Airport that was a P3 transaction, for which we served as underwriters' counsel.

Howard Zucker, a member of Hawkins Management Committee, stated that "our relationships with our clients and the quality and experience of our attorneys are the keys to our achievements. Hawkins is 162 years old, and has been doing public finance for over 135 years, but we know we cannot rest on our laurels -- we come to work each and every day to earn and deserve the trust and confidence of our clients". He went on to say that "the trend for many years has been for greater and greater specialization and depth in the practice due to the ever increasing complexity of municipal bond issues, the highly extensive regime of federal tax regulations, and the heightened disclosure expectations of the market and of the SEC. Today, more than ever before, law firms that want to be leaders in public finance have to be willing to commit significant resources to have the full range and depth of expertise in order to advise clients in the navigation of the matrix of issues in bond financings".

Hawkins is the only national law firm in the United States whose practice is devoted primarily to public finance and public projects. Each of the Firm's specialty areas supports and complements our public finance practice. The Firm has more attorneys engaged in the full-time practice of public finance and projects than any other law firm in the country. This concentration of expertise constitutes an unparalleled resource for our clients.

Attorney

- Howard Zucker