

## **Gulgun Mersereau**

### **Partner**

Gulgun is a bond attorney and a partner at Hawkins. Hawkins is rated as the #1 bond counsel firm in Oregon by The Bond Buyer and the lawyers in the Portland office of Hawkins are the dominant providers of bond counsel services to local governments in Oregon.

Gulgun represents large and small local governments throughout Oregon, including cities, counties, school districts and educational service districts, public utility districts, urban renewal agencies, and other special districts. She also represents state agencies and serves as underwriters' counsel. Serving as bond counsel and disclosure counsel, Gulgun has represented more than 150 governments throughout Oregon in public finance transactions matters.

Gulgun serves as lead bond counsel to a great many Oregon governments, including:

- the cities of Eugene, Gresham, Hillsboro, Independence, Lincoln City, Monmouth, Newberg, Newport, Portland, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, Springfield, Tigard, Tualatin, and Wilsonville,
- the urban renewal agencies for many of those cities,
- the counties of Clackamas, Lane, Marion, and Washington,
- Portland Public Schools and other education districts,
- special districts including Clean Water Services, Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, TriMet, Tualatin Valley Water District, and
- all but one of the State's people's utility districts.

Gulgun has extensive experience interpreting and applying Oregon's public finance laws, having participated in the Oregon Law Commission's project to substantially rewrite ORS Chapter 287A in 2007 and the group drafting the 2009 revisions to ORS Chapter 457.

Gulgun served on the board of directors of the Oregon Government Finance Officers Association and currently serves on the emerging issues committee for that group. She also previously served on the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission, having been appointed by Governor John Kitzhaber in 2014. The Commission is an independent, impartial panel of five citizen volunteers established to monitor the financial affairs of local governments.

Gulgun often speaks to municipal issuers regarding public finance matters. She recently presented about property tax reform, continuing disclosure, and the bond issuance process. Gulgun has a particular interest in tax increment financing and presented to the Association of Oregon Redevelopment Agencies regarding tracking maximum indebtedness.



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### **CONTACT**

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### **PRACTICES**

Bond Counsel  
Disclosure Counsel  
Private Placements  
Project Finance  
Public-Private Partnerships  
Underwriters' Counsel

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### **INDUSTRIES**

Cultural Institutions  
Economic Development  
Education  
Power and Renewable Energy  
Public Buildings  
Solid Waste  
Transportation  
Water

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### **EDUCATION**

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, Honors College  
University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D.

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### **ADMISSION**

Oregon

- **Everything You Need to Know About Municipal Bonds**  
League of Oregon Cities Conference 2019
- **Raising New Funding, from Borrowings to Taxes**  
Oregon County Counsels Association
- **Municipal Bonds – What Government Lawyers Need to Know**  
Oregon Association of City Attorneys
- **A Tale of Three Governments, Regionalization in Oregon**  
2019 Oregon Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference
- **Accessing Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act, Loan Funding for Infrastructure: Lessons Learned**  
2019 Oregon Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference
- **Continuing Disclosure -- The Saga Continues**  
Oregon Government Finance Officers Association Spring Conference
- **Introduction to Oregon Laws on Borrowing**  
Oregon United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Staff
- **Continuing Disclosure Break Down**  
Oregon Government Finance Officers Association, Fall Conference
- **Continuing Disclosure Break Down**  
Oregon Association of School Business Officials, Summer Conference
- **Finding ‘New’ Revenue Sources (without printing them yourself!)**  
Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association, Spring Conference
- **Continuing Disclosure Break Down**  
Oregon Association of School Business Officials, Summer Conference
- **Managing Maximum Indebtedness**  
Association of Oregon Redevelopment Agencies, Spring Meeting

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**CHARITABLE & CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

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Commissioner, Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (2014-2016)