

Howard Berkman
Of Counsel

Howard has extensive experience in a wide range of revenue, general obligation and “subject to appropriation” bonds. He has been with Hawkins since 1978 and in that time, has acted as bond counsel or underwriters’ counsel on many significant transactions. Much of Howard’s work is with issuers in the State of New York. Accordingly, he can point out the very impressive array of buildings, whether apartments, hospitals or other facilities that he has helped finance. In fact, from his office, he can see two of the first apartment buildings financed following the tragedy of 9/11, when the federal government authorized the issuance of Liberty Bonds to stabilize and rebuild downtown Manhattan. Howard served as bond counsel for such financings and for several other issues of Liberty Bonds.

In recent years, Howard has worked, either as bond counsel and underwriters’ counsel primarily in the areas of multi-family housing, health care and higher education, as well as general obligation and “subject to appropriation” financings .

Howard currently represents, as bond counsel, the New York City Housing Development Corporation and the New York State Housing Finance Agency. He also serves as bond counsel to the Dormitory of the State of New York, which issues bonds for State Facilities, hospitals and other health care and higher education facilities. Howard has served as underwriters’ counsel to virtually all the major investment banking firms. In the past, Howard was part of a team of Hawkins attorneys that served as underwriters’ counsel for New York City General Obligation bonds and presently participates in the firm’s representation of the underwriters of the New York City Transitional Finance Authority, which issues bonds for the benefit of New York City. He has also assisted in the drafting of legislation enacted in the States of New York and Maine.



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