



Robert F. McCarthy

Partner



Rob McCarthy is a public finance attorney. He serves as bond counsel, issuer's counsel and underwriter's counsel on general obligation and structured revenue financings. Rob also works with public and private clients to establish and manage economic development incentives and special purpose districts, including joint economic development districts and new community authorities. In addition, Rob provides general counsel representation on public law matters, drawing upon his prior experience as a law clerk to Justice Yvette McGee Brown on the Supreme Court of Ohio and as an assistant attorney general and legal advisor to Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray.

Rob is a member of Bricker & Eckler's Recruiting Committee and is a recent graduate of the firm's leadership development program.

Professional & Community Activities

- Executive Committee, Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District
- Member, Education Committee, Ohio Government Finance Officers Association
- Secretary, Bridge Park New Community Authority

Presentations & Published Works

- Presenter, "Economic Development: Responsible Growth in Your Community," Ohio Township Association Law Directors' Group, August 2018
- Presenter, "Project Finance and Incentives Options," Ohio Municipal League Summer Regional Conference Series, June 2018
- Presenter, "Economic Development Incentives - Lessons Learned," 2017 OSBA Capital Conference, November 2017
- Presenter, "JEDDs and Other Economic Development Tools," Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Annual Fall Conference, October 2017
- Presenter, "Advanced Economic Development," Ohio Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Annual Conference, September 2017
- Presenter, "Economic Development Fundamentals," Ohio Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Annual Conference, September 2017
- Presenter, "County Role in Economic Development: Update on Recent Legal Trends," Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association Summer Workshop, June 2017
- Presenter, "Legislative Update - 2017: Update and a Look Forward," Ohio Economic Development Association 360: State Economic Development Briefing, May 2017
- Presenter, "Economic Development Ethics," Ohio Economic Development Association 2017 Ohio Basic Economic Development Course, April 2017

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- Presenter, "Encouraging Cooperative Development Initiatives through JEDDs," Ohio Municipal League webinar, January 2017
- Presenter, "Downtown Redevelopment Districts and Innovation Districts: A New Economic Development Tool," City of Logan/Hocking County Forum on Downtown Revitalization, January 2017

Bar Admissions & Activities

- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers

Education

- The Ohio State University (J.D., 2008); Articles Editor, *Ohio State Law Journal*; recipient, Moritz Merit Scholarship
- Harvard University (B.A. with honors, 2002); President, Institute of Politics (a student center and memorial to President John F. Kennedy)

Experience

OFCC K-12 Project on State University Campus

Served as counsel for a recently consolidated school district for a \$42 million K-12 OFCC (state) co-funded project on the campus of a state university, with the local share bonds sold to the USDA.

International manufacturer facility in central Ohio

Retained by an Italian-based company to provide all legal services in the construction and development of a 1.4 million-square-foot manufacturing facility in central Ohio. One of the main aspects of the site selection involved the environmental conditions of the site and environmental permitting issues in the project's development. In this engagement, the firm assisted with various real estate, environmental and tax matters, including the negotiation of a variety of easements. The PUCO has approved energy efficiency rebates for the company's combined heat and power systems which will result in significant cost savings and operational benefits.

\$218 million State of Ohio bond issuance

Served as bond counsel for the issuance of over \$218 million in Major New State Infrastructure Project Revenue Bonds. Responsibilities included drafting documents to reflect the understanding of the parties, as well as the tax analysis necessary with respect to the use of proceeds. As bond counsel, we rendered our approving opinion as to the authorization and valid issuance of the bonds and their status of being exempt from federal income taxation.