

Dan Semmens

Partner

semmens.dan@dorsey.com

Missoula – 406.329.5570



Dan helps communities by providing practical assistance relating to the financing of infrastructure, schools, hospitals and public spaces.

Dan is a public finance partner whose practice focuses on issuer representation. He regularly serves as bond counsel to the State of Montana in connection with various types of financings, including general obligation bonds, coal severance tax bonds, and state revolving fund bonds. He also represents cities, towns, school districts, water and sewer districts, and other special districts in an array of public and special purpose financings.

In addition to his public finance work in Montana, Dan also represents higher education institutions in the Pacific Northwest in connection with a variety of matters.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Board Member, Poverello Shelter, Inc.
- Board Member, Partnership for Children
- Board Member, YWCA Holding Company, Inc.

Clerkships

- Minnesota Supreme Court, Honorable Jeanne Coyne, 1991–1992

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board of Directors of Poverello Shelter, Inc.
- Board of Directors of Partnership for Children
- Board Member, YWCA Holding Company, Inc.

Education

- University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1991)
 - *cum laude*
 - Book Review Editor, Journal of Legislation
- University of Durham (U.K.) (M.A., English Literature, 1988)
- College of Idaho (B.A., English and Business Management, 1986)

Bar Admissions

- Washington
- Montana
- Oregon

- Former member of Steering Committee, National Association of Bond Lawyers, Bond Attorneys Workshop
- Named Friend of Rural Water
- Secretary of the Montana Chapter of the Council of Educational Facility Planners

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, Montana, 2011-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Public Finance Law, 2021-2026
- Friends of Rural Water Award

Select Presentations

Regularly presents at the following annual conferences:

- Montana Rural Water
- Montana Association of School Business Officials
- Bond Attorneys Workshop (NABL)
- Montana Association of Counties
- Montana League of Cities
- Municipal Clerks Institute
- Montana Conference on Educational Leadership (MCEL)

Insights

April 13, 2020

CARES ACT Municipal Liquidity Facility

March 30, 2020

CARES Act Summary for Public Finance

April 23, 2018

SID costs laid out for golf course residents

November 1, 2017

Dorsey Partner Dan Semmens Comments on Riverfront Triangle Development

February 7, 2017

School Board Reviews Draft Bond

October 17, 2016

Dorsey Partner Dan Semmens Comments on Helena School Bond

