

Nathan Canova

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Nate guides his clients through complex financings and helps them find pragmatic solutions to legal problems.

Nate represents clients across the country in a wide variety of public finance transactions, acting primarily as underwriter's counsel, bond counsel, disclosure counsel, borrower's counsel, lender's counsel, special tax counsel and issuer's counsel. He has broad experience in conduit revenue bond financings for the benefit of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including transactions for healthcare, senior living, higher education, charter school projects, and other authorized purposes (e.g., manufacturing and housing). He regularly advises his clients on matters of state law, federal securities and tax laws, real estate law and more in connection with public offerings, private placements and direct loan transactions. He is nationally recognized for his experience in tax-exempt installment purchase, lease-purchase and other municipal lease financings for the acquisition, construction, equipping, and installation of a broad range of essential government buildings, facilities, equipment and other real and personal property.

In addition to conduit and lease financings, Nate represents state and local government units and other eligible tax-exempt issuers in traditional revenue and general obligation bond financings. Nate also regularly advises clients in connection with financings for Indian tribes and qualified volunteer fire departments, New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) financings, and real estate development projects that leverage public funding, such as professional sports stadiums and hotels and convention centers. He also counsels nonprofit organizations in corporate law, board governance and transactional matters.

Select Experience

- Bond Counsel – \$50,024,000 Grand County, Utah Hospital Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Moab Regional Hospital Project), Series 2021
- Borrower's Counsel – \$10,000,000 Gunnison, Utah Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Future Comp. Project) Series 2021

Education

- Drake University Law School (J.D., 2013)
 - *High Honors*; Drake Law Review; Business Law Certificate; CALI Awards – Securities Regulation and Nonprofit Entities
- Drake University (M.B.A., 2013)
- Weber State University (B.A., 2009)
 - *Dean's List*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Iowa
- Utah

- Borrower's Counsel – \$26,304,110 Charter School Revenue Refunding Bonds (Providence Hall Project) Series 2021A and 2021B
- Borrower's Counsel – \$10,000,000 Richfield, Utah Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (CSS Composites Project) Series 2021

Professional Affiliations

- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers' Member Services Committee and The Workshop Steering Committee
- General Counsel, Association for Governmental Leasing & Finance

Charitable & Civic Involvement

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Public Finance, Utah, 2025-2026
- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, Public Finance Law, 2025-2026
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2015-2016

Languages

- Spanish

Additional Information

- *Greening the Traditional Commercial Lease: Building a Case for Sustainable Commercial Real Estate through Economically Profitable Green Leases*, 61 Drake L. Rev. 883 (Spring 2013)