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Andy Guzikowski is a Shareholder and Chair of the Firm's Public Finance Section.

Andy has had more than 25 years of experience in public finance. He has served as bond counsel and issued the approving bond/tax opinions in over \$500 million of tax-exempt bond issues that financed municipal equipment purchases, sewers, new schools and school improvements as well as manufacturing facilities, nursing homes and senior living facilities and has a broad range of experience representing bond issuers, borrowers, underwriters, bond purchasers, remarketing agents and banks/credit enhancement providers in tax-exempt and taxable bond financing transactions. He frequently serves as issuer's counsel to the Public Finance Authority in bond issues and has represented PFA in over \$750 million of tax-exempt and taxable bond issues financing a wide variety of projects throughout the United States.

Andy is also a senior member of the firm's Banking and Commercial Transactions practice group. He represents financial industry clients in a variety of matters, including corporate and holding company reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, branch purchases and sales, loan and servicing portfolio sales, loan participations and in structuring and restructuring complex commercial lending transactions. He also handles compliance matters before regulatory agencies including the Wisconsin DFI, the FDIC the Federal Reserve, the SEC and FINRA. His experience includes structuring, negotiating and documenting interest rate swaps, letters of credit, securities lending and repo transactions. He has also advised banks, credit unions, savings institutions, broker-dealers and registered investment advisers in matters involving the on-premise sale of non-deposit investment products, on FDIC and NCUA deposit insurance rules, regulatory capital requirements and other regulatory and compliance matters.

Finally, as a member of the Business and Corporate law group, Andy's experience includes advising clients in a variety of industries on matters of corporate governance, securities and merger & acquisition transactions. Among other things, he assists clients in raising capital through IPOs and private equity and debt offerings and has represented clients in venture-capital investment transactions. Andy advises boards of directors of public and private companies on topics such as fiduciary obligations, corporate governance, anti-takeover measures and other responses to takeover offers, insider trading and ethics policies, utilizing investment advisers and appraisers, the design and implementation of equity-based executive compensation plans, shareholder relations and risk management.

Andy is a frequent presenter on a wide range of topics including advising boards of directors on corporate "best practices," Sarbanes-Oxley and Dodd-Frank, insider trading laws and the role of Board Committees. He is a contributing author to *The Wisconsin Business Advisor Series Vol. 9: General Business Issues* published by the State Bar of Wisconsin, where he covers the subject of obtaining financing through venture capital and private equity investment. Andy recently served on a panel at the National Association of Bond Lawyers annual Bond Attorneys' Workshop where he discussed the use of multijurisdictional bond issuers in education and other tax-exempt financings.

Andy is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Bar Association and the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Banking and Finance Law (2012-2019).

Practice Areas:

- Banking and Commercial Finance
- Business and Corporate Law
- Energy and Clean Technology
- Government Law
- Public Finance
- Securities Law

Education:

- University of Wisconsin, J.D., *cum laude*, 1982
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, B.A., 1978

Bar Admissions:

- Wisconsin