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PRACTICE

Corporate Finance
Gaming
Public Finance
Securities

Kimberly M. Copp focuses her practice principally on securities and general corporate law matters, including corporate and public finance.

Kim serves as outside general counsel to the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA), a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, that issues bonds, notes or other forms of indebtedness for agricultural, educational, cultural, health-care and other projects within the State of Illinois. As counsel Kim advises the IFA and its management on

matters of public finance, state government, employment, procurement, and more.

Kim also represents small and mid-cap corporate clients on securities law matters including corporate governance and compliance matters under the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, public and private offerings of debt and equity, listing securities for trading on national securities exchanges and regulatory investigations. Kim serves as counsel to a local bank in connection with small- and middle-market loan and other financing transactions.

Additionally, Kim represents issuers, borrowers and underwriters in offerings of tax-exempt bond financing.

Kim also works with cities on casino development projects and represents casino companies in financing, licensing and regulatory matters.

EDUCATION

JD, 1997, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, magna cum laude
- Staff Editor, The John Marshall Law Review
- Member, Order of John Marshall Honorary Scholarship Society
- Recipient, Graduate School Scholarship Award for the Highest Overall Class Rank in Law School Studies

BBS, 1993, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Finance

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, *Member*

American Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals, *Member*

Chicago Bar Association, *Member*

National Association of Bond Lawyers, *Member*

Women in Public Finance, *Director*

Hope Foundation, *Trustee*

Shefsky & Froelich, *Director*

Kimberly was named to the list of Illinois Rising Stars (recognizing the state's top young lawyers) for 2008, 2009, and 2010.

SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

Kim regularly dedicates time to speaking with and mentoring law students at her alma mater, The John Marshall Law School. Most recently, Kim participated in a panel discussion for The John Marshall Law School's Women's Law Caucus on "*Breaking the Glass Ceiling.*" Kim also dedicates time conducting student mock interviews and giving presentations on "*Interview Dos and Don'ts.*"

RECENT REPRESENTATIONS

Public Finance

Serves as outside general counsel to the Illinois Finance Authority.

Represents borrowers, underwriters and/or issuers in bond issues by the City of Chicago, City of Chicago Board of Education, City of Detroit, State of Illinois,

Illinois Housing Development Authority, Illinois Finance Authority, and various municipalities.

Securities/Corporate

Assists Board of Director members (including Audit Committee members) of various NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ publicly-traded companies in connection with corporate governance and securities matters, the establishment of internal controls and procedures, conducting internal investigations related to various matters reported to the Boards (or Audit Committees) and other corporate matters.

Gaming

Represents two municipalities in connection with casino development projects within the municipalities.

Represents casino companies in connection with financing transactions and casino licensing and other regulatory matters.