



Economic Development

About Bricker Graydon

At Bricker Graydon we are large enough to provide effective and sophisticated counsel across a wide variety of industries and areas of practice, while also delivering highly personalized service and access to our most experienced attorneys. Reflecting our roots, the firm is recognized by our clients for integrity, hard work and value for the dollar.

We collaborate with government entities, companies, property owners and developers to build and implement creative strategies that promote investment, create jobs and enhance communities.

Public Finance

Since its founding, the firm has been recognized by state and local governments and the underwriting community as a law firm with a national caliber bond counsel opinion. We excel in both routine and complex financial transactions. Our list of clients continues to grow based on the favorable recommendations of the many public officials we have represented.

We represent states, cities, counties, school districts, libraries and colleges in seeking the most economical and efficient ways to finance their capital programs. From clients who are contemplating a bond financing for the first time to those who are frequent issuers, we supply comprehensive advice that begins with the preliminary planning stage, continues through the process of committee meetings, board meetings and council meetings, and culminates after the capital has been secured.

Bricker Graydon's Public Finance group is known for developing innovative financing structures, and several members have actively participated in the drafting of statutory and constitutional provisions that govern bond finance in various states including Ohio, Hawaii, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. Additionally, our lawyers are listed in the "red book" of bond counsel, the standard reference source used by underwriters and other purchasers of securities.

Our attorneys also routinely work on many other types of structured finance transactions, and we are experienced in documenting and structuring financings involving both public and private entities.

We frequently handle the following matters:

- Election proceedings for voted levies, bond issues and charter questions
- Tax and revenue anticipatory notes
- Taxable and tax-exempt leases
- Capital financings
- Private purpose bond financings
- Structured finance transactions
- Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements (PILOTs)

Economic Development

Economic development has the power to transform communities. Whether embarking on a signature, multi-million dollar mixed-use project, siting a new production-oriented facility or rebuilding a treasured historic business district, businesses and government entities can achieve optimal results using many economic development tools. Bricker Graydon's Economic Development team helps communities and businesses flourish, working with them to understand and to take advantage of these programs. We partner with government entities, developers and businesses to achieve their unique development objectives. Utilizing the economic development tools that best suit our clients' strategic goals, we structure and layer resources, connecting our clients with the available financial incentives they need for growth. Our Economic Development team is poised to assist both public and private sector entities by providing cutting-edge financial, regulatory and other consultative solutions.

We provide economic development counsel for projects involving:

- Creative application of public and private financing
- Regulatory compliance
- Site selection support
- State and local permitting
- Tax incentives
- Zoning

Specific economic development projects include:

- Creating tax increment financing and special assessment districts
- Assisting companies locate in a new market or expand locally
- Facilitating cooperative arrangements among political subdivisions and public-private partnerships
- Providing legal counsel for incentive agreements
- Establishing and working with communities to maximize community improvement corporations, community reinvestment areas, enterprise zones, joint economic development districts, new community authorities and port authorities
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs and Energy Project Assessment Districts (EPAD)
- Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) financing for commercial, industrial and solar facilities
- Tax Increment Financing districts and programs

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