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Locke Lord's Public Finance Team Ranked 2022 No. 2 Top Bond Counsel for Competitive Sales and No. 8 Top Underwriters' Counsel Nationally by The Bond Buyer, With Numerous Top 5 Regional Rankings

The Bond Buyer

Locke Lord's nationally recognized [Public Finance](#) Practice Group has again ranked among the leading public finance practices in the nation, ranking No. 2 on The Bond Buyer's list of Top Bond Counsel for Competitive Sales, with 146 issues totaling more than \$3.6 billion — the most issues of any firm in the Top 10. The team also ranked No. 8 on the Top Underwriters' Counsel list, with 60 issues totaling \$7.3 billion and No. 10 for Top Special Tax Counsel. The Firm also secured some impressive regional top bond counsel rankings in The Bond Buyer's Northeast Yearend Review, including: No. 2 in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, No. 3 in Maine and Rhode Island, No. 7 in the Northeast, and ranked No. 4 in Texas for Top Underwriters' Counsel.?

Just a few of Locke Lord's recent notable public finance matters include:

- Served as underwriters' counsel to the syndicate of underwriters in the [largest ESG bond pricing to date](#) for the August 2022 issuance by ?The Commonwealth of Massachusetts of its \$2.7 billion Special Obligation Revenue Bonds 2022, ?Series A and 2022 Series B social bonds. This matter secured the Commonwealth's win as the ESG Deal of the Year by the Bond Buyer and Smith's Research 2022 All-Star Deal of the Year Buyer
- Represented the North Texas Tollway Authority in its issuance of first and second tier System Revenue Refunding Bonds totaling \$689 million
- Served as underwriters' counsel on \$325 million Dallas College General Obligation Bonds?
- Served as underwriters' counsel on \$208 million City of Irving Pension Obligation Bonds, General Obligation Bonds and Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds
- Served as bond counsel to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency in its issuance of \$200 million Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 226 and \$31.1 million Single Family Housing Notes, Series 2022
- Serving as bond and borrower's counsel to Boston Medical Center for February 2023 issuance of \$232.4 million Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue Bonds, Boston Medical Center Issue, Series G 2023 (Sustainability Bonds)

Locke Lord's Public Finance Practice Group is a premier, nationally recognized public finance practice, with over 135 years of involvement in the law of public borrowing and the federal tax and securities aspects of public debt obligations. The team's experience and exemplary, high-quality client service have earned Locke Lord recognition as one of the foremost public finance law firms in the country.

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