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Locke Lord's Public Finance Team Ranked 2023 No. 9 Top Bond Counsel for Competitive Issues Nationally by The Bond Buyer, With Numerous Top 5 Regional Rankings

Locke Lord's premier, nationally recognized **Public Finance** Practice Group has again ranked among the leading public finance practices in the nation, ranking No. 9 on The Bond Buyer's list of top bond counsel in the nation for competitive issues during 2023, with 90 issues totaling more than \$2 billion. 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 Rhode Island, No. 3 in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont and No. 7 in the Northeast.

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

- City of Lowell, Massachusetts, in its \$70.13 million General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2023 Bonds
- State of New Hampshire in its \$70 million General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, 2023 Series A and \$16.25 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2023 Series B
- Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency in its \$4.1 million Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 230 (Social Bonds), \$90.9 million Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 231 (Social Bonds) and \$64.9 million Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 232 Federally Taxable (Social Bonds)
- New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank in its \$100.15 million 2023 Series B Bonds
- State of Vermont in its \$62.765 million General Obligation Bonds, 2023 Series A and its \$27.285 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2023 Series B
- Trustees of Deerfield Academy in its \$89.22 million Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue Bonds, Deerfield Academy Issue, 2023 Series
- Texas Natural Gas Securitization Finance Corporation in its \$3.5 billion Customer Rate Relief Bonds (Winter Storm Uri), Taxable 2023 Series
- North Texas Tollway Authority in its \$577 million System Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2023 Series
- Palm Beach County in its \$35.55 million Public Improvement Revenue Bonds (Professional Sports Franchise Facility Project), Tax-Exempt 2023 Series A and \$88.15 million Public Improvement Revenue Bonds (Professional Sports Franchise Facility Project), Federally Taxable 2023 Series B

Locke Lord's Public Finance Practice Group has one of the largest bond counsel practices in the country. For more than 135 years, the Firm has been involved in the law of public borrowing and the federal tax and securities aspects of public debt obligations. The Firm's public finance lawyers have extensive experience nationwide serving as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, underwriters' counsel, issuer's counsel, borrower's counsel, bank counsel, special tax counsel and trustee's counsel for governmental and quasi-governmental issuers, special purpose entities, tax-exempt organizations and other entities and financial institutions.

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