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Brian Magorien is an associate in Ice Miller's Public Finance Group, where he serves as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, borrower's counsel, and disclosure counsel in connection with tax-exempt bond financings. His practice focuses on conduit financings for charter schools, community schools, and other 501(c)(3) organizations in the education and healthcare sectors, as well as student housing and real estate development transactions.

Brian has been involved in charter school and education-related financings across the United States. His experience spans new money issuances, refundings, campus expansion projects, and complex multi-faceted transactions involving developer components and blended-use facilities. On select engagements, Brian has served in multiple counsel roles on a single transaction—providing comprehensive legal support from authorization through closing.

Brian works closely with investment banking clients, municipal advisors, and borrowers to guide transactions through due diligence, document drafting, securities law compliance, disclosure, and post-issuance matters. He is a contributor to the National Association of Bond Lawyers.

Brian earned his juris doctor from Capital University Law School and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from The Ohio State University. During law school, he served as treasurer for the Capital University Law School Student Bar Association. Prior to joining Ice Miller, Brian worked as a law clerk assisting with zoning, land use, and real estate development matters and served as a legal extern for the City of Columbus Department of Building and Zoning Services.

Brian is actively involved in mentoring law students and early-career attorneys, supporting their professional development and transition into practice. Outside of his legal practice, he has completed multiple half marathon races over the past five years. He recently completed the 100-mile Columbus Pelotonia ride, contributing to fundraising efforts for cancer research and patient care.

Education

- The Ohio State University (B.A., 2017)

Services & Industries

- Healthcare, Higher Education & Nonprofit Institutions
- Public Finance

- Economics

- Capital University Law School (J.D., 2021)

Admissions

- Ohio
- Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers

Community Involvement

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, 2019
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, 2008-2017
- Cap City Half Marathon, 2016

Success Stories

Ice Miller Serves as Underwriter's Counsel to HJ Sims in $69.63 Million Student Housing Bond Financing
Ice Miller served as underwriter's counsel to HJ Sims in connection with the $69,630,000 Series 2026 bond financing for The Park at South Stadium, a purpose-built student housing development in downtown Fresno, California, which closed on May 28, 2026.

Proceeds of the bonds are being used to fund the construction of a 174-unit, 587-bed community that will integrate housing with educational programming through the affiliated Campus of Life platform of Ascent 613, helping address a structural undersupply of quality student housing in the Fresno market.

The development has been planned for more than a decade and has struggled to obtain financing since 2016. The financing team delivered creative solutions to address issues that had previously prevented the project from accessing the market, with construction expected to begin in August 2026 and opening anticipated in summer 2028.

Ice Miller's Role as Underwriter's Counsel

Ice Miller served as underwriter's counsel to HJ Sims on this student housing bond transaction, supporting the due diligence process and providing strategic legal counsel on the critical components of the financing, including:

- Compliance with securities laws governing tax-exempt and taxable municipal bond offerings
- Senior and subordinate sources of funding, including bonds and loans
- Preparation of transaction documentation and coordination of the closing process

Ice Miller played a key role in successfully closing this public finance transaction. The Ice Miller Public Finance team included:

- Partner Ben Kitto
- Associate Brian Magorien
- Practice Group Specialist Victoria White

About The Park at South Stadium

The Park at South Stadium is a brand-new, purpose-built student housing development in downtown Fresno, California, sponsored by Ascent 613, a nonprofit organization focused on creating educational, community-oriented living environments. The community will combine student housing with educational programming offered through Ascent 613's affiliated Campus of Life platform. Development is being led by The Park Partners, LLC, a subsidiary of JCI Development, Inc., and The Noyan Company, a seasoned team with extensive experience in student housing and mixed-use development. Located in a market experiencing rising student enrollment and a structural undersupply of quality housing, the project is designed to meet the growing demand for modern student residences in the Fresno area.

Learn More About Our Public Finance Bond Financing Services & Underwriter's Counsel

Ice Miller's Public Finance team delivers comprehensive, end-to-end support on every transaction—guiding clients through due diligence, document drafting, post-issuance matters, and continuing disclosure with deep expertise in securities laws and regulations, disclosure requirements, and ongoing compliance obligations. We are proud to support educational financings that bring stability, flexibility, and enduring value to the communities they serve. Whether you're navigating a complex bond issuance or seeking guidance on any public finance matter, our team is ready to help.

Ice Miller Serves as Underwriter's Counsel to Piper Sandler in $8.03 Million Charter School Bond Financing
Ice Miller served as underwriter's counsel to Piper Sandler in connection with Coastal Empire Montessori Charter School's $8,030,000 fixed rate bond financing, which closed on June 29, 2026. Proceeds of the tax-exempt bonds were primarily used to fund the acquisition and renovation of a replacement school facility, securing a permanent home for the Savannah, Georgia charter school and strengthening its long-term financial foundation.

Ice Miller's Role as Underwriter's Counsel

Serving as underwriter's counsel on this charter school bond transaction, Ice Miller supported Piper Sandler throughout the due diligence process and provided strategic legal counsel on the critical components of the financing, including:

- Compliance with securities laws governing tax-exempt municipal bond offerings
- Preparation of underwriting documentation

Ice Miller's counsel played a key role in successfully closing this public finance transaction.

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- Partner Ben Kitto
- Associate Brian Magorien
- Practice Group Specialist Victoria White

About Coastal Empire Montessori Charter School

Coastal Empire Montessori Charter School is a free, public charter school in Savannah, Georgia, and the first Montessori charter school in the state. Serving students in Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, the school delivers an individualized elementary education rooted in the Montessori philosophy, emphasizing the emotional, intellectual, physical, and social development of every child in a nurturing and rigorous academic environment. The school is committed to cultivating a diverse, inclusive learning community that fosters intellectual curiosity, cognitive flexibility, and responsible stewardship among its students, families, and staff.

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Ice Miller Serves as Underwriter's Counsel to Piper Sandler in $13.05 Million Charter School Bond Financing
Ice Miller served as underwriter's counsel to Piper Sandler in connection with the Yi Hwang Academy of Language Excellence's (YHALE) $13,050,000 Series 2026 bond financing, issued through the Public Finance Authority.

The tax-exempt bond transaction enabled YHALE to purchase the building it leased and to reimburse itself for tenant improvements, securing a permanent facility for the school and strengthening its long-term financial foundation.

Ice Miller's Role as Underwriter's Counsel

As underwriter's counsel in the charter school bond transaction, Ice Miller assisted Piper Sandler in conducting its due diligence and advised Piper Sandler on key legal aspects of the transaction, including:

- Securities law compliance applicable to tax-exempt municipal bond offerings
- Transaction documentation and closing coordination

Ice Miller's guidance helped bring the public finance transaction to a successful close.

Ice Miller Public Finance professionals included:

- Partner Ben Kitto
- Associate Brian Magorien
- Practice Group Specialist Victoria White

About Yi Hwang Academy of Language Excellence (YHALE)

YHALE is a tuition-free public charter school in Duluth, Georgia, offering dual language immersion programs in Korean-English and Mandarin Chinese-English. Serving students in grades K–8 from across the state of Georgia, YHALE is dedicated to providing a flexible and innovative educational experience that strengthens students' minds and opens their hearts to a diverse world. The school's curriculum features the top-ranked Singapore Math program, differentiated learning, and an integrated curriculum model designed to help students thrive socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

Learn More About Our Public Finance Bond Financing Services & Underwriter's Counsel

Ice Miller's Public Finance team provides start-to-finish support, from due diligence and document drafting through post-issuance and continuing disclosure, drawing on their in-depth knowledge of securities law and regulations, disclosure obligations, and continuing disclosure compliance issues.

Ice Miller is proud to support educational financings that create stability, flexibility, and lasting value for the communities they serve.

If you need guidance on any public finance matter, our team is here to help.

Ice Miller Serves as Underwriter's Counsel to Raymond James in $18.6 Million Charter School Financing
Ice Miller served as underwriter's counsel to Raymond James in connection with the Arts and Technology Academy of Pontiac (ATAP)'s $18.6 million Series 2026 financing. The transaction refinanced existing bonds and funds campus expansion—including a new gymnasium and additional classrooms—that will strengthen ATAP's financial foundation and expand its capacity to serve students and families in the Pontiac, Michigan community.

As underwriter's counsel, Ice Miller assisted Raymond James in conducting its due diligence and advised Raymond James on key legal aspects of the transaction, including securities law compliance, disclosure, and documentation, helping guide the financing to a successful close. Ice Miller's Public Finance team included Partner Ben Kitto, Associate Brian Magorien, and Practice Group Specialist Vicki White. Ice Miller is proud to support educational financings that create stability, flexibility, and lasting value for the communities they serve.

About Arts and Technology Academy of Pontiac

ATAP is a tuition-free public charter school in Pontiac, Michigan, dedicated to delivering a personalized, student-centered learning experience in a safe and supportive environment. Consistent with its mission to educate and motivate students to achieve lifelong success both inside and outside of the classroom, ATAP integrates dance, visual arts, 3D printing, and video production into its curriculum, emphasizing both academic excellence and creative development.

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Ice Miller Serves as Counsel to Raymond James in Metro Deaf School's 2025–2026 Minnesota Financing
Ice Miller served as counsel to Raymond James, the placement agent for the 2025 bonds and the underwriter of the 2026 bonds for Minnesota Metro Deaf School's financing (MDS). MDS is a charter school providing bilingual education exclusively for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deafblind students. Founded in 1993, MDS now serves 177 students from birth through 12th grade and has a distinctive funding profile: its 100 percent special-needs student population enables the school to receive full reimbursement for operating expenses under Minnesota law.

Partner Ben Kitto, associates Brian Magorien and Grant Miller, and practice group specialist Vicki White worked with the financing team to help Raymond James bring the deals to closing. Kitto and White were pleased to see MDS's financing strategy come full circle, having also participated in MDS's 2018 bond issue, a portion of which was refunded in 2025-26.

Ice Miller's Public Finance team brings deep experience across charter school and education financings nationwide, having delivered bond counsel, borrower's counsel, underwriter's counsel, purchaser's counsel, and issuer's counsel solutions for charter school deals in more than 24 states and Washington, D.C., totaling more than $5 billion in principal amount. The team is able to provide start-to-finish support, from due diligence and document drafting through post-issuance and continuing disclosure, drawing on their in-depth knowledge of securities law and regulations, disclosure obligations, and continuing disclosure compliance issues.