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Erik Long has spent his entire career helping communities grow. As a partner in Ice Miller's Public Finance Group, he guides school corporations, colleges and universities, libraries, and other public institutions through some of their most important and complex decisions. For many of his clients, Erik isn't just an advisor—he's a steady force during moments that shape the future of their organizations and the people they serve.

Over a span of more than 16 years at Ice Miller, Erik has built a reputation for navigating the constantly shifting landscape of state laws, federal securities rules, and tax law with clarity. He takes what can feel overwhelming and makes it understandable, helping clients move forward with confidence. Whether structuring new-money financings for long-awaited capital projects or crafting refundings that free up critical resources, he draws on a wide range of tools—general obligation bonds, lease financings, revenue bonds, tax anticipation warrants—to create solutions that are both strategic and cost-effective.

Erik's work doesn't stop at traditional approaches. He's known for developing creative strategies—federal tax credit bonds, debt restructurings, pooled financings—that help public entities adapt to changing needs and seize opportunities that might otherwise seem out of reach.

Erik's commitment to public service began early. During law school, he clerked for the Hamilton County Superior Courts and spent a legislative session at the Indiana Statehouse, experiences that deepened his understanding of how policy, law, and community needs intersect. He joined Ice Miller as a summer clerk in 2008 and has been helping clients build stronger futures ever since.

Outside the office, Erik's world revolves around his family. He and his wife are raising three children—and more pets than they planned for—in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. He finds joy in local cultural events, Indiana University athletics, live music, great cinema, and the occasional round of golf or pick-up basketball game.

Education

- Indiana University Kelley School of Business (B.S., 2002)

Services & Industries

- Financial Services for Higher Education
- Higher Education
- K-12 Public Schools & Libraries
- Public Finance

- Marketing
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., 2009)

Admissions

- Indiana
- United States District Court - Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court - Southern District of Indiana

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association
- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Member, Indiana Municipal Lawyers Association
- Professional Development Committee

Awards & Honors

- Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Class XLVI
- *The Best Lawyers® in America*, Public Finance Law, 2024-2026; Municipal Law, 2025-2026
- *Indiana Lawyer* Leadership in Law "Up and Coming Lawyer" Class of 2017
- Executive Articles Editor, *Indiana Law Review* Volume 42
- Order of the Barristers, Honorable Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition
- Beta Kappa Sigma Scholar, Indiana University-Bloomington

Community Involvement

- Board Chair, Development Committee Member, and Volunteer Tutor, Brightlane Learning
- Participant, United Way Leadership United - Generation Now Series
- Volunteer, Ask a Lawyer Program, Indianapolis Bar Association
- Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis

Key Matters

Representative Transactions

- \$130,120,000 Avon Community School Building Corporation Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2017
- \$121,885,000 Purdue University Student Fee Bonds, Series CC

Success Stories

Ice Miller Works with Indianapolis Public Schools for Education Initiative

Ice Miller, teaming with a working group of professionals serving Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) that included Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, Blaylock Van LLP, Loop Capital, and Policy Analytics, helped mentor students taking a high school-level banking and industry course to teach them the process of school capital funding through municipal bonds.

As a part of IPS's "Rebuilding Stronger" initiative, a referendum designed to upgrade and modernize schools and buildings within the IPS boundaries, students had the opportunity to witness the school corporation and its professional partners in action during a live class as IPS sold \$130 million in bonds to fund the first phase of the initiative. This sale was the first series of bonds and part of an aggregate approval of \$410M over three to four years. The students also learned more broadly about capital referendums, how the bond markets work, and various related legal issues.

Allowing students to observe the bond sale process was a way to involve them in the future of their school corporation and community, as well as introduce them to the business, finance, and public engagement side of how their government and the economy intersect.

Ice Miller Partner Erik Long served as bond counsel on the firm's behalf during the class presentation. Ice Miller has a long-standing relationship with IPS and has been working with the school corporation on the "Rebuilding Stronger" referendum, as well as other capital and strategic needs. The Ice Miller team also includes Jane Neuhauser Herndon, Kristin McNulty McClellan, Matt Miller, Amy Corsaro, Susan Price, Tom John, Sebastian Smelko, Lauren Siler, and Sallie Zubek.

Thought Leadership

March 25, 2020

To Speak or Not to Speak? Public Statements Regarding COVID-19 & Antifraud Provisions

March 25, 2020

Four Things You Can Do to Mitigate Delays in Property Tax Payments

January 17, 2020

Preparing Cybersecurity for Bond Ratings

Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, "Financing the Needs of Indiana School Corporations: Legal Considerations," Indiana School Boards Association
- Presenter, "Bond Financing Risk Management," Central Indiana Chapter of Risk Management Association (RMA)
- Presenter for various doctoral classes at Ball State University, Indiana State University, IUPUI, and Indiana Wesleyan University on Indiana public school financing
- Presenter, "Continuing Disclosure - Putting the Pieces Together," and "Referenda, Legalities & Data...Oh My!," Indiana Association of School Business Officials
- Presenter, "Referendum Legal Updates and Considerations," Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents