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Services

Public Finance

K-12 Education Finance and
Election Law

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.,
1992

Eastern Illinois University, B.A.,
1983

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Shelly A. Scinto

Of Counsel



Shelly Scinto is an attorney in our Public Finance Group, where she serves as bond counsel for municipal issuers throughout Illinois, including school districts, park districts, cities, villages and various other entities. Shelly drafts and reviews key bond documents such as purchase contracts, official statements, offering circulars, tax certificates, ordinances, resolutions and closing certificates. She ensures compliance with federal securities and tax law, along with other contractual, federal and state law requirements related to financings. Shelly's expertise encompasses a wide range of municipal finance transactions, including general obligation bonds, alternate revenue bonds, revenue bonds, water and sewer revenue bonds, debt certificates and bonds authorized via referendum. To date, Shelly has served as lead counsel on more than 400 municipal bond transactions, overseeing both long-term and short-term tax exempt and taxable financings.

Shelly earned her B.A. in Psychology and Business from Eastern Illinois University, and her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Illinois.

Active in several professional organizations, Shelly is a member of the Illinois Association of School Boards Service Associates, Illinois Association of School Business Officials, Illinois State Bar Association's Local Government Law Section Council, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Association of Park Districts, National Association of Bond Lawyers, and Women in Public Finance.

Beyond her professional work, Shelly is involved in her community. She serves as Vice President of the Route 66 Association of Illinois and is a member of the Illinois Route 66 Preservation Committee. She is a recognized speaker on public finance topics and has published articles in notable publications such as the Illinois State Bar Association and the *Daily Herald*.

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Professional Activities

Illinois Association of School Boards Service Associates (IASB)

Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO)

Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), Member of the Local Government Law Section Council

Chicago Bar Association (CBA), Member of the Local Government Section

Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD)

National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL)

Women in Public Finance (WPF)

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Route 66 Association of Illinois, Vice President

Illinois Route 66 Preservation Committee

Speeches

"Bonds 101," Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) Park District Roundtable, April 24, 2026

"Issuing Bonds – The Rules," Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) Summer Institute: Intro Bond Finance Course, August 5, 2025

"Intro Revolving Loan Fund WebCourse," CDFA Training Institute, May 13, 2025

"New Tools for a New Decade," South Suburban Economic Development Incentive Event, March 5, 2020

"Performance Services," Building and Borrowing: Current Trends in the Municipal Market, January 30, 2020

"Bond Finance and Use of Public/Private Partnerships for Park Districts," Illinois Association of Park Districts, January 24, 2020

"Update on Illinois Bond Market & Financing Structures," South Suburban Economic Development Incentives Event, March 7, 2019

"Lunch & Learn Webinar: Bonds 101," Illinois Association School Business Officials (IASBO), August 29, 2018

"Debt Issuance - The Process and The Players," IGFOA, June 21, 2018

"Basic Legal Requirements on Municipal Bond Issues," IGFOA, June 21, 2018

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Publications

"Pension Obligation Bonds," *Illinois State Bar Association*, June 2021

"How Bonds Are Used to Finance City, Village, School District and Park District Improvements," *Daily Herald*, September 18, 2018

Articles

Financing Options for Illinois Cities and Villages