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Services

Public Finance

Economic Development
Public-Private Partnerships

Industries

Government and Public Sector

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.,
1980

Illinois College, Bachelor of Arts,
1974

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

United States District Court -
Northern District of Illinois

United States Court of Appeals -
Seventh Circuit



Robert J. Schillerstrom

Of Counsel

Robert J. "Bob" Schillerstrom brings decades of legal, government, and public finance experience to his role as Of Counsel at our firm. Bob advises clients on complex matters involving government relations, public-private partnerships (P3s), strategic public policy, community relations, real estate tax issues, and zoning matters. He has extensive experience working with government entities, serving as bond counsel, underwriters' counsel, and disclosure counsel on a wide range of public finance transactions.

Bob has been a prominent figure in Illinois public service and politics, holding several significant positions, including Chairman of the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors (2015–2019), where he oversaw the 294-mile tollway system and a \$1.45 billion annual budget. Under his leadership, the Tollway championed economic growth, infrastructure improvements, and increased opportunities for minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses. Previously, Bob served three terms as Chairman of the DuPage County Board, where he established a reputation for fiscal conservatism and innovative infrastructure initiatives that consistently delivered high-quality services while reducing property taxes.

Bob's public service also includes environmental leadership roles. He has been involved with numerous conservation organizations and is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Morton Arboretum. Before joining our firm, Bob was a partner at Ice Miller LLP, where he expanded the firm's presence in Illinois and advised on public and municipal finance issues and zoning issues. He resides in Naperville, Illinois, with his wife, Mary Beth, and they have three children.

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Honors

AV-Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell (2000–2022)
Best Lawyers® in America, Government Relations Practice (2012–2022)
Public Administrator of the Year, U.S. Minority Contractors Association (2018)
Person of the Year, Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association (2018)
Visionary Award, Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (2018)
Phi Beta Kappa, Illinois College

Professional Activities

Frequent speaker at industry events, including engagements with the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships and American Council of Engineering Companies

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Chairman, Illinois Tollway Board of Directors (2015–2019)
Chairman and current Board Trustee, Morton Arboretum (2011–present)
Founder and Chairman, Choose DuPage (2005–2010)
President, DuPage County Conservation Foundation
Various leadership roles in DuPage County, including Commissioner of the Forest Preserve District and President of the Naperville Park District
Advisory Board Member, Project H.O.O.D. (2019–2023)
Steering Committee Member, Illinois Business Immigration Coalition (2015–2020)

Publications

"Stories of Local Impact: Bob Schillerstrom & Mary O'Connor, Champions for conservation and community progress," Daily Herald, November 12, 2025
"Removing Hospitals' Tax Exemptions Would Hurt County," Daily Herald Business Ledger, January 17, 2012
"Analyze Property Taxes Now to Save Later," Daily Herald Business Ledger, April 16, 2012
"What Happens When We Build a Road," Daily Herald Business Ledger, July 16, 2018