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Services

Public Finance

- Cash Flow and Working Capital
- Economic Development
- K-12 Education Finance and Election Law
- Public-Private Partnerships

Industries

Government and Public Sector
Nonprofit Organizations

Education

University of Detroit Mercy Law School, J.D., 2003

Michigan State University, B.A., 1998

Bar Admissions

Michigan

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court

- Eastern District of Michigan



Ronald C. Liscombe

Principal

Ronald C. Liscombe assists public sector clients with a range of issues, including public finance and governance matters.

Ron has deep knowledge of state and local government, having worked in a variety of policy and program management roles prior to joining the firm. He is able to counsel and provide direction to public entities to develop innovative and effective strategies in response to challenging policy issues.

His experience includes advising and counseling two start-up public entities in all general legal matters, including the development of policies and procedures, contracts, and providing advice on Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act issues. He has advised clients on the operational impact of proposed legislation and assisted them with developing strategies to eliminate or reduce potentially adverse effects.

Before joining Miller Canfield, Ron was the Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Lakeland, FL, policy counsel in the Executive Office of the State of Michigan, and an associate attorney at a local law firm representing public and private sector clients.

Representative Matters

Public Infrastructure Upgrade

Counsel to local governmental authority for large public infrastructure upgrade.

Ronald C. Liscombe

Governmental Debt Restructuring

Counsel to local government involved in massive debt and operational restructuring.

School District FOIA Counsel

Represented a local school district in response to a high-profile and voluminous Freedom of Information Act request.

Honors

Chambers USA, Public Finance, Band 1, 2024–2025

DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, Municipal Law, 2024

State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2022, 2024

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, cum laude

University of Detroit Mercy Law Review, Member

Justice Frank Murphy Honor Society

Dean's Scholarship for Academic Excellence

CALI Awards, International Business Transactions and Constitutional Law

Professional Activities

American Bar Association

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association

Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Michigan State Council for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, former Executive Office

Representative appointed by former Gov. Jennifer Granholm

Speeches

"FOIA/OMA Update," Michigan School Business Officials Annual Conference, April 23, 2026

"Competitive Bidding 301" and "Basic Treasury Filing Requirements," Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) Annual Conference, May 1, 2025

"FOIA/OMA Update," "Competitive Bidding 101" and "Basic Treasury Filing Requirements," Michigan School Business Officials Annual Conference, April 25, 2024

"Municipal Case Law Review," Michigan Townships Association Annual Conference & Expo, April 22, 2024

"Competitive Bidding 101" and "Basic Treasury Filing Requirements," Michigan School Business Officials Annual Conference, April 27, 2023

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"Records Management Policy & Election Records," State Bar of Michigan Government Law Section 2023 Winter Educational Seminar, February 17, 2023

"Meeting Management and More," Michigan Townships Association, Oct. 28, 2021

"Are You in Control of Your Meeting?", Michigan Townships Association, Oct. 27, 2021

"Meetings, Motions and My Contributions," Michigan Townships Association, Oct. 25, 2021

"Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act Update," Michigan Township Association 2021 Legal Institute for Township Attorneys

"Competitive Bidding 101," Michigan School Business Officials 2021 Annual Conference

"K-12 Basic Treasury Filing and Bond Reporting Requirements," Co-Presenter with Michigan Department of Treasury, Michigan School Business Officials 2021 Annual Conference

Publications

"The Legalities of Social Media," *The Review*, Michigan Municipal League, January/February 2023 (Co-authored with Ronald Liscombe)

"Redistricting in Michigan: Past, Present, and Future," Michigan Bar Journal, August 2020 (Co-authored with Sean Rucker)

The Open Meetings Act Chapter, *Michigan Public Employment And Labor Relations Law*, Michigan Public Employer Labor Relations Association, 2016 Online Edition (Co-authored with Steven Mann)

The Freedom of Information Act Chapter, *Michigan Public Employment And Labor Relations Law*, Michigan Public Employer Labor Relations Association, 2016 Online Edition (Co-authored with Steven Mann)

Wayne County Board of Commissioners v. Wayne County Airport Authority, Case Digest, 81 U. DET. MERCY L. REV. 391

Articles

Operating Cash-Flow Borrowing Options for Michigan Public Schools

School Building and Site Sinking Fund for Michigan Public Schools

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Michigan Adopts New Prevailing Wage Requirements for Public School Construction Projects

Municipal Retirement Boards and Joint Energy Boards May Now Hold Electronic Meetings Under the OMA

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The Legalities of Social Media

Michigan Law Expands Police and Fire Special Assessment Authority to More Cities

Are Public Schools Subject to Sales Tax?

Michigan Emergency Services Authorities Authorized to Incur Debt for Capital Projects and Equipment

Michigan AG: Public Bodies Must Offer Reasonable Accommodations Under the ADA Which Could Include a Remote Participation Option for Meetings Held Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act

Michigan Court of Appeals: Substantial Compliance with the OMA Does Not Protect Against Personal Liability for Intentional Violations

Operating Cash Flow Borrowing Options for Michigan Public Schools

Authority to Hold Electronic Meetings Under Michigan Open Meetings Act Now Limited

Impact of American Rescue Plan Act on State and Local Governments

Michigan Governor Signs Open Meetings Act Amendment Extending Sunset for Electronic Public Meetings

Deadline for Absentee Voter Ballots Held to be Constitutional by Michigan Court of Appeals

Operating Cash-Flow Borrowing Options for Michigan School Districts

UPDATE (MAY 6): Governor Whitmer Extends Authorization for Remote Participation in Public Meetings

CARES Act: Municipalities

COVID-19: Contributing School District Equipment and Supplies to Local Health Care Providers

2019 School Election Update

Sinking Fund and Other Capital Improvement Financing Options for Michigan Public School Districts

SEC Adds Two New Material Events to Continuing Disclosure Requirements

Supreme Court Upholds Authority of Michigan School Districts to Ban Firearms on School Property and at School Functions

New Law Consolidates Tax Increment Authorities, Imposes New Reporting Requirements

Candidates, Committees May Directly Solicit Unlimited Contributions to 'Super PACs'

Transformational Brownfield Projects Eligible for Substantial Tax Incentives Under Recently Enacted Legislation

Court Holds School Districts Not Barred by State Law from Prohibiting Firearms on School Property

Court of Appeals Holds Email Deliberations Among a "Quorum" of a Public Body Violates the Open Meetings Act

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Court Clarifies Public Bodies Requirement to Provide Documents Under FOIA

New Law Limits Ability of Local Governments and School Districts to Communicate Regarding Ballot Questions