

Miller Canfield Lawyer Mike McGee Speaks at The Bond Buyer's Symposium on Distressed Municipalities

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Miller Canfield public finance lawyer Michael P. McGee recently served as a panelist on "Local-Government Oversight" at *The Bond Buyer's 2nd Annual Symposium on Distressed Municipalities* in Providence, Rhode Island.

More than 225 leading municipal finance professionals gathered on March 18-19 to discuss turnaround strategies and gain practical, peer-level advice as their cities, towns, and local governments across the nation face unprecedented challenges.

"Local governments across the country are still experiencing distress, frequently on account of the persistent weakness in residential and commercial property values. Michigan is no different. This 'new normal' requires active engagement by local and state political leaders and stress-testing every long-term commitment local governments make. Solutions are there. But they take work," said McGee.

With more than 25 years of public policy and broad legal experience, McGee has acted as bond counsel to governmental issuers of all types in financing public infrastructure. He is named a *Best Lawyer* for his work in Public Finance Law and is recognized as an expert in public entity law, public/private partnerships, and intergovernmental cooperation. He received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and M.P.P. and A.B. from the University of Michigan with an emphasis on economic analysis.

Miller Canfield's Public Finance team can assist municipalities and school districts with consent agreements, intergovernmental agreements, shared services agreements, outsourcing and RFPs, pension, benefit reviews and restructuring, labor reviews and litigation audits, and other strategic assistance.