

Miller Canfield Lawyers to Discuss Financial Challenges to Local Governments at ABA State and Local Government Section Fall Meeting

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Miller Canfield senior counsel Steven F. Stapleton and principal Steven D. Mann, will participate in a panel discussion as a moderator and panelist, respectively, on “Financial Challenges to Local Governments,” at the American Bar Association (ABA) State and Local Government Law Section’s fall meeting October 24-27 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The session will explore creative and resourceful approaches to addressing stresses on financing local government functions.

Stapleton resides in Miller Canfield’s Grand Rapids, Mich. office. He serves on the ABA State & Local Government Section Council and is the Chair of the Section’s Government Operations Committee. He has extensive experience in commercial litigation, including complex breach of contract claims, business disputes, municipal litigation, condemnation actions and employment litigation. He has served as a city attorney and has represented numerous West Michigan communities. He has tried cases before both state and federal courts and successfully argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals and both the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court. He represents clients in arbitrations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He received his B.A. from Grand Valley State University and J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit.

Mann resides in Miller Canfield’s Detroit, Mich. office. He specializes in the area of municipal finance, representing public agencies as bond counsel. His practice covers all facets of tax increment financing, special assessments, and economic development. He has also authored several *amicus curiae* briefs in both the Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court arguing on behalf public bodies and municipal associations in cases involving complex issues related to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. He received his J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and his B.B.A. from Cleary College.