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PRACTICE AREAS:

[Public Finance](#)

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STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

EDUCATION:

J.D., cum laude, The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, 2006; Woolsack Honor Society

B.S., magna cum laude, Dickinson College, 1997

Jonathan W. Cox

MEMBER

Jon serves a broad range of clients in the public finance sector as bond counsel to school districts, counties, cities, boroughs, townships, municipal authorities, industrial development authorities, as well as nonprofit corporations, such as continuing care retirement communities, colleges, hospitals, fire companies, and other community and economic development organizations.

In addition, Jon serves as bank counsel to regional and community banks, documenting or reviewing commercial real estate, construction, equipment and working capital loans, as well as taxable and tax-exempt loans to governmental entities and nonprofits.

Jon also works closely with colleagues in the firm's interdisciplinary Opportunity Zone Practice Group to assist individuals, partnerships, and economic development organizations in attracting, structuring, and establishing Qualified Opportunity Funds and Qualified Opportunity Zone Businesses.

Prior to entering the practice of law, Jon obtained a variety of academic, government, and business experience teaching geology, consulting with the U.S. Geological Survey, and then planning and engineering fiber optic networks for an international telecommunications company.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Bond counsel to over thirty school districts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Bank counsel to multiple regional banks in connection with providing liquidity facilities to numerous colleges and universities.
- Bond counsel to the State Public School Building Authority in connection with the issuance of bonds for the benefit of Westmoreland Community College as well as the Community College of Allegheny County, and to the Lancaster Higher Education Authority for the benefit of the Harrisburg Area Community College.
- Bank counsel to a regional bank in connection with providing an approximately \$80 million variable rate demand bond (VRDB) refunding and new money financing for a continuing care retirement community (CCRC).
- Bond counsel to numerous municipalities and their authorities for long-term financing of sewer and water projects through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (Pennvest)

and the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service.

- Trustee's counsel in connection with an approximately \$180 million refunding and restructuring of a concession-based sewer and water revenue issue.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers, Board Member and Treasurer
- National Association of Bond Lawyers

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Carlisle Family YMCA, Board Member and Finance Committee Chair (2012-2018)
- Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation, Board Member and Vice Chair (2012-2018)
- Real Estate Collaborative, LLC, Management Committee Member and Secretary (2016 - Present)
- Friends of Michaux State Forest, Board Member and Vice Chair (2019 - Present)
- Cumberland Youth Cycling Development, Board Member, Corporate Secretary, and Coach (2016-Present)
- Murata Business Center Advisory, Board Member (2005-2012)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Carlisle Family YMCA 2018 Adult Service Award
- Central Penn Business Journal Forty Under 40
- Dickinson Law
 - Dean's Scholar
 - Frank A. and Dorothy J. Sinon Scholarship for Excellence in the Study of Tax Law
 - Irving Yaverbaum Accounting Prize
- Dickinson College, William Vernon Prize for Excellence in Geology

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

MEDIA COVERAGE

- "Local governments urged to team up to meet water mandates," *Gettysburg Times*, September 2018.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "[Think Big Thoughts! It's Not Too Late to Take Advantage of the Qualified Opportunity Zone Tax Incentive](#)," presenter, Eckert Seamans' Continuing Legal Education Seminar, August 2019.