

# James M. Saffian

## Partner

Since 1995, Jim has practiced in the areas of public finance, economic development and tax increment financing. Jim has represented municipal and quasi-municipal issuers, borrowers, underwriters and trustees in a variety of structured public financings. In addition to regularly representing various municipalities and special purpose districts in Maine with respect to general obligation bond and revenue bond financings, Jim has also had substantial experience with complex private activity bond financings including multi-modal lower floaters, qualified tender bonds, tax increment financing and tax increment financing bonds, school construction bonds, numerous IRB financings, qualified 501(c)(3) financings, and qualified public utility financings.

## Honors & Distinctions

Jim is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Public Finance Law, and has been so listed since 2003. In 2011 and 2016, *The Best Lawyers in America* named him as the Portland, Maine Public Finance Lawyer of the Year.

## Recent Representative Transactions - 2015

### Municipal Bonds and Notes:

- City of Bath - \$715,500 & \$1,205,000 (Bank Notes)
- City of Bath - \$3,000,000 (TAN)
- City of Brewer - \$1,615,000 (MMBB)
- Brunswick & Topsham Water District - \$1,000,000 (MMBB)
- City of Ellsworth - \$650,000 (BAN) & \$13,476,000 (Public)
- City of Ellsworth - \$3,500,000 (TAN)
- Town of Fairfield - \$900,000 (MMBB)
- Town of Fayette - \$1,164,000 (MMBB)
- Town of Fort Kent - \$1,000,000 (TAN)
- Great Salt Bay Sanitary District - \$917,572 (MMBB)
- Knox County - \$3,225,055 (TAN)
- City of Portland - \$6,800,000 (SRF) & \$19,931,000 (Public)
- Portland Water District - \$3,270,000 (SRF) & \$5,7230,000 (Public)
- City of Rockland - \$1,500,000 (TAN) & \$1,600,000 (BAN)
- Squirrel Island - \$585,000 (TAN)



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## EDUCATION

University of Maine School of Law,  
J.D., *magna cum laude*, (1991)  
Dartmouth College, A.B.,  
Mathematics, (1983)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Maine

New Hampshire

- Town of Winslow - \$4,785,000 (Refunding)
- York Sewer District - \$2,426,000 (SRF BAN)
- Yarmouth Water District - \$660,855 (MMBB)

**Tax Increment Financing Districts:**

- Town of Hermon (Omnibus)
- City of Westbrook (SIGCO)
- Town of Falmouth (Ocean View - Natural Gas)
- Town of Fort Kent(Downtown)
- Town of Newport (Natural Gas)
- City of Old Town (Omnibus)
- City of Waterville (Natural Gas)
- Town of Winslow (Natural Gas)
- City of Augusta (NRF)

**Professional Activities**

Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers, 1995-present