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About Rob

Rob Collins' practice focuses on public finance, in particular tax-exempt financings. He serves as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel and disclosure counsel in financing transactions for cities, counties, school districts, economic development corporations, venue projects, water districts and special districts. Rob also advises clients in connection with economic development incentives for public/private projects.

He has successfully represented several cities and special districts in expedited declaratory judgment actions filed in response to or in anticipation of certain legal challenges asserted against the clients' proposed issuance of bonds and/or projects to be financed with bond proceeds.

Recent Notable Matters

Upper Trinity Regional Water District — bond counsel in connection with the issuance of \$40.015 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; \$15 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B; \$15.840 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A; \$15 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020; \$12.185 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; and \$3.920 million Regional Wastewater Treatment System Revenue Refunding Bonds (Lakeview Regional Water Reclamation System), Series 2020

Upper Trinity Regional Water District — bond counsel in connection with TWDB Board Participation for Lake Ralph Hall (\$459.065 million Commitment Total, including \$120 million funded in 2020, \$135 million funded in 2021, \$110 million funded in 2022 and \$48 million to be funded in 2023)

Benbrook Water Authority — bond counsel in connection with the issuance of \$2.950 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 and \$6.630 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019

City of Arlington, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$83.240 million Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2022A; \$20.335 million Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A; \$44.070 million Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; \$8.390 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; \$9.505 million Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series

2021; \$31.820 million Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2021A; \$8.325 million Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B; \$5.185 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A; \$13.450 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020B; and \$9.845 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A

Greenville Electric Utility System — bond counsel in connection with \$15.120 million Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; \$20 million Electric System Revenue Subordinate Lien Taxable Floating Rate Notes, Series 2021; \$13.885 million Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; \$12.500 million Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019; and \$41.610 million Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019A

Highland Park Independent School District — bond counsel in connection with the issuance of \$3.355 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 and \$122.050 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2018

City of Irving, Texas — bond counsel and disclosure counsel in connection with the issuance of \$23.900 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds, Series 2022; \$18.920 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2021; \$34.640 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020; and \$22.435 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2019

City of Arlington, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$321.717 million Rangers Ballpark Complex Admissions and Parking Taxes Revenue Bonds Taxable, Series 2020; \$266.080 million Senior Lien Special Tax Revenue Bonds; \$171.095 million Subordinate Lien Special Tax Revenue Bonds; and \$28.250 million Subordinate Lien Special Tax Revenue Taxable Bonds

City of Greenville, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$64.970 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021 and \$53.515 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021

City of Arlington, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$174.665 million General Obligation Pension Bonds, Taxable Series 2020

City of Palestine, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$34.89 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022 (Forward Delivery); \$1.014 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022; \$2.215 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; and \$5.490 million Combination Tax and Refunding Bonds. Series 2020

North Texas Municipal Water District — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$76.055 million Water System Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2021; \$94.755 million Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; and \$89.095 million Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019

City of Irving, Texas — bond counsel and disclosure counsel in connection with the issuance of \$86.220 million General Obligation Pension Bonds, Taxable Series 2021; \$22.505 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligations, Series 2021; \$805,000 Tax Notes, Series 2021; \$28.935 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021; \$3.145 million Tax Notes, Series 2020; \$53.230 million General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020; and \$13.440 million Certificate of Obligation, Series 2020

City of Garland, Texas — disclosure counsel in connection with \$72.610 million Electric Utility System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, New Series 2023; \$39.340 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; \$34.275 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, New Series 2021; \$20.725 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021; and \$16.510 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020

City of Grapevine, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$44.945 million General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series, Series 2021; \$10.220 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021; \$28.860 million General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2019; and \$28.860 million General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2019

City of Mansfield, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$7.425 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; \$9.100 million Combination Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021; and \$4.475 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020

Collin County, Texas — bond counsel in connection with \$103.065 million Limited Tax Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2021; \$28.930 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021; \$151.765 million Limited Tax Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2020; and \$47.370 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020

Irving Independent School District — bond counsel in connection with \$42.020 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019

Denton County, Texas — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$69.920 million Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020A; \$18.330 million Tax Notes, Series 2020; and \$12.830 million Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2020

City of Garland, Texas — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$53.185 million Electric Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Tax-Exempt New Series 2021A; \$153.105 million Electric Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable New Series 2021B; \$52.260 million Electric Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, New Series 2021; and \$140.790 million Electric Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, New Series 2019A

Little Elm Independent School District — bond counsel in connection with \$8.830 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2021; \$20.405 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Taxable Series 2020; and \$24.930 million Fixed and Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020

Lower Colorado River Authority — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$397.185 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA), Series 2022; \$397.185 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA), Series 2021; \$261.525 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Project), Series 2020; and \$145.485 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA), Series 2020A

Texas Municipal Power Agency — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$192.510 million Transmission System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021

Waco Independent School District — bond counsel in connection with \$189.500 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bond, Series 2022 and \$106.740 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021

City of Bryan, Texas — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$27.415 million Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; \$66.795 million Electric Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A; \$15.700 million Electric System Revenue New Series Bonds 2021; \$19.675 million Rural Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; and \$54.700 million General Obligation Pension Bonds, Taxable Series 2020

Publications and Speeches

“Spotlight on Public Finance: Rule 15c2-12 Amendments,” Bracewell Lunch and Learn, January 9, 2019.

“Bond Elections 101,” Texas Association of School Business Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, February 26 – March 2, 2018.

Education

Baylor Law School, J.D.
1995 – *cum laude*

Baylor University, B.A.
1992

Noteworthy

BL Rankings, *Best Lawyers*, Public Finance Law, 2008 - 2024; Dallas Lawyer of the Year, Public Finance Law, 2019

Thomson Reuters, *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2007 - 2010

Baylor Law School, *Baylor Law Review*, Executive Editor

Affiliations

American College of Bond Counsel, Fellow

American Bar Association

Dallas Bar Association

National Association of Bond Lawyers

Bar Admissions

Texas