



ORGANIZATION SERVICES

25
— YEAR —
ANNIVERSARY

In-Person Workshop

Powers and Financing of Downtown Development Authorities

AUGUST
28
2025

8:30 – 11:30 AM



OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
CONFERENCE CENTER | 2100 PONTIAC LAKE ROAD – BUILDING 41W | WATERFORD

AGENDA

8:30 AM Registration Check-In | Light Breakfast | Networking

9:00 AM Welcome | Workshop Begins

Speaker: Ronald C. Liscombe, *Principal, Miller-Canfield*

Topics*

- Overview of the Downtown Development Authority division of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act
- Sources and authorized uses of funds
- Interaction and oversight with governing bodies of the organizing municipalities
- Open Meetings Act/Freedom of Information Act issues

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Workshop Resumes, including Q&A

11:30 AM Close

**Always check with your own attorney when needing legal advice.*

QUESTIONS? Contact

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SPEAKER BIO



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Liscombe is a Chambers USA Tier 1 public finance attorney who assists public sector clients with a range of issues, including public finance and governance matters. He has a deep knowledge of state and local government, having worked in a variety of policy and program management roles prior to joining the firm.

He counsels and provides direction to public entities to develop innovative and effective strategies in response to challenging policy issues. His experience includes advising and counseling public entities in all general legal matters, including the development of policies and procedures, contracts, and providing advice on Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act issues. He has advised clients on the operational impact of proposed legislation and assisted them with developing strategies to eliminate or reduce potentially adverse effects.

Liscombe has worked on the bond counsel teams for a variety of complex financings in recent years, including multiple financings involving the State of Michigan and its financing-related authorities, every City of Detroit bond issue since its bankruptcy, and the Wayne County jail financing.

He has diverse experience counseling public entities, ranging from highly rated, sophisticated issuers to financially distressed issuers with “headline risk.” His total transaction volume in the past five years exceeds \$6 billion.

His relevant experience includes serving as:

Special economic development counsel to the City of Highland Park in connection with the establishment of the City’s brownfield redevelopment authority and adoption of its development plan related to the Means Logistics Center. This representation included the review of the Act 381 Plan, and the negotiation of the related reimbursement agreement with the developer.

Bond counsel to the City of Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in connection with the Red Cedar Development. This included the review of the Act 381 Plan and Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan and the related reimbursement agreement with the developer.

Bond counsel to the City of East Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in connection with the City Center development project. This representation included the review of the Act 381 Plan and Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan and the related reimbursement agreement with the developer.