

Nixon Peabody expands public finance capabilities with partner in Chicago

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Chicago, IL. Nixon Peabody LLP has expanded its **Project Finance** & **Public Finance** practice with the addition of **Michael Melzer**, who joins the firm as partner.

Based in the firm's **Chicago office**, Mike's practice focuses on helping clients navigate complex and novel financial structures for public finance matters. He paves the way for his clients to secure the financing they need to build for the future, while blending deep Illinois statutory knowledge with broad national experience, including several of the largest and more high profile public-private partnerships (P3s) undertaken in recent years.

Mike draws on his varied and expansive background to solve complex challenges and deliver practical, impactful solutions to clients. He has extensive experience in project and public finance, including in public power and utilities, transportation, convention and tourism, education, healthcare, seniors living, and economic development.

"Mike brings a deep knowledge of the public finance and project finance markets, and has an excellent reputation for building strong, collaborative relationships focused on helping clients to achieve their goals," said Nixon Peabody partner **Virginia Wong**, leader of the firm's Project Finance and Public Finance practice. "Mike's experience is a nice complement to our practice as we continue to strengthen our bench of skilled attorneys in the Midwest. We look forward to welcoming him to the team."

Mike works with state and local governments, investment banks, nonprofit entities, and large institutional investors. In addition to his financing practice, Mike helps clients with regulatory enforcement actions, interest rate swaps, and other novel transactions.

"Mike is well known to many of our Chicago colleagues, and will be an excellent addition to our office and our firm," said **David R. Brown**, managing partner of Nixon Peabody's Chicago office. "His public finance background and strong relationships with clients perfectly complements Nixon Peabody's full-service capabilities."

Mike earned his JD from University of Michigan Law School and his BS from Northern Illinois University. He has been recognized in *Chambers USA* for Public Finance and by *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*.