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Education

Undergraduate School

Bachelor of English, University of Georgia 1985

Graduate School

Master of English, University of Michigan 1986

Law School

University of Michigan Law School 1991

Admissions

Ohio

Memberships

- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Member, Council of Development Finance Agencies
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Mentoring Center of Central Ohio, Board Member (2014-present)

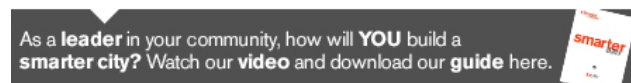
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Overview

Kip Wahlers has more than two decades' experience in the field of public finance, economic development and public law. Kip has represented state and local governments at all levels as bond counsel and has also served as underwriters' counsel, bank counsel and counsel to private sector entities doing business with government.



Kip's experience includes financings and projects with port authorities, counties, municipalities, townships and school districts. Kip also advises clients on public records issues and ethics issues.

Kip has authored legislation relating to financing programs in Ohio and elsewhere, including tax credits, loan programs and amendments to legislation establishing new community authorities and authority for impact facilities. He has assisted private companies in obtaining incentives from state and local governments, including tax incentives, tax abatements and tax increment financing.

Kip is former general counsel for JobsOhio and for Browning & Associates, a municipal financial advisor. He is a native of Toledo, Ohio, and has lived in the Columbus area since 2000.

Wahlers graduated magna cum laude, with highest honors, from University of Georgia, in 1985 where he received a Bachelor of Arts in English. He graduated from University of Michigan where he earned his Master of Arts in English in 1986. He holds a juris doctorate from University of Michigan Law School, where he graduated cum laude in 1991.

Firm Publications

- 9/29/2017 - Cash Collateralized Tax-Exempt Bonds Combined with Low-Income

Housing Tax Credit

- 9/29/2017 - Retail Facilities Enterprise Zone Exclusion Now Permitted
- 9/29/2017 - New Community Authorities as a Tool for Economic Development
- 9/29/2017 - New Property Tax Exemption for Newly Developable or Redevelopment Property
- 9/29/2017 - Senior Living Facilities Financed as Qualified Residential Rental Facilities
- 2/10/2017 - Smart Incentives Drive Smart Cities

Published In

- Article published in the *Ohio Township News*, March 2017 entitled: "New Tools: Retail Facilities Enterprise Zone Exclusion Now Permitted."
- Quoted in the October 25, 2015 article of *Cincinnati.com* entitled "Complex money deals spawned Liberty Center."
- SB 235 Provides New Tool to Induce Development.

News

- 10/25/2015 - Complex money deals spawned Liberty Center
- 9/5/2013 - Ice Miller Launches Government Law Group - Prominent Ohio Attorney Kip Wahlers Joins Firm in Municipal Finance

Speaking Engagements

- Led Panel on P3 Project Funding - Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) National Summit, Charleston, SC - Nov. 3-5, 2015
- On September 1, 2015, Kip Wahlers spoke at the 2015 CDFA Ohio Financing Roundtable Conference on the topic: "Bond Financing."
- "Alternate Strategies for Funding Demolition" - Ohio Land Bank Conference, September 12, 2014
- "Joint Economic Development Districts - New Law Changes" - February 2017 at the Ohio Township Association Annual Conference.