



## AARON S. BERKE

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate and Business Organizations

Financial Institutions

Government Relations

### INDUSTRIES

Government

### EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2000

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1997, *cum laude*

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio

Aaron is a partner in the Vorys Akron office and a member of the corporate group. He regularly represents issuers, underwriters, developers and conduit borrowers on tax-exempt and taxable borrowings to support their projects. In addition, Aaron counsels developers, operating companies, political subdivisions and investors on utilizing tax credits, economic development incentives, abatements, economic development financing mechanisms, public-private partnerships and special economic development entities to assist in the development and redevelopment of property and the creation of jobs and economic growth.

### His notable experience includes:

- Represented the developer in a multi-layered, public-private partnership financing transaction that won Central Ohio NAIOP's Most Creative Deal Structure award. The transaction included three public bond issuances, complex easements, and TIF and CRA incentives to support the construction of the first phase of a \$100M+ mixed-use project called The Pointe at Polaris.
- Represented an operating company in the redevelopment of an approximately 20 acre urban brownfield site through a joint venture with a developer into a mixed use site including the company's world headquarters, other office buildings, community space, an amphitheater, apartments, and more; securing various funding methods including TIF, CRA, JobsOhio grants and loans, City grants, and brownfield funds.
- Represented a port authority in connection with the issuance of bonds and tax increment backed notes to finance the construction of airport facilities
- Represented an underwriter in connection with the issuance of tax increment backed bonds to finance the redevelopment of a public parking garage supporting approximately 260,000 square feet of office development and 290,000 square feet of retail development.

## Insights

*"Development Incentives Quarterly: Summer 2019,"* July 31, 2019

*"Client Alert: Seven Things to Consider Regarding "Sunshine Laws","* November 12, 2018

*"Development Incentives Quarterly: Summer 2018,"* July 3, 2018

*"Development Incentives Quarterly: Spring 2018,"* March 23, 2018

*"Vorys Hosts 2018 Economic Development Incentives Conference,"* Spring 2018

*"Development Incentives Quarterly: Fall 2017,"* November 15, 2017

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"*Development Incentives Quarterly*: Summer 2017," August 9, 2017

"*Development Incentives Quarterly*: Spring 2017," April 10, 2017

"*Development Incentives Quarterly*: Fall 2016," November 15, 2016

"*Development Incentives Quarterly*: Summer 2016," August 1, 2016

## Professional and Community Activities

Anti-Defamation League Cleveland Regional Board Member 2016-present

## Honors and Awards

*Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Bonds/Government Finance, 2005-2006, 2010

## Events

2019 Vorys Economic Development Incentives Conference

2018 Vorys Economic Development Incentives Conference

2017 Ohio Economic Development Incentives Conference

Grow Licking County Economic Development Series

Ohio Economic Development Incentives Conference

You've Got Tax-Exempt Bonds! Now What?: Tax-Exempt Bond Compliance for Health Care Entities

Corporate Governance: To Disclose or Not Disclose