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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate and Business Organizations

Financial Institutions

Government Relations

Tax and Economic Development Incentives

INDUSTRIES

Government

EDUCATION

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

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

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

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*: Spring 2022," April 11, 2022

"The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Expected to Become Law," March 11, 2021

"Vorys Hosts 2021 Economic Development Incentives Conference," Winter 2021

"Evolving Disclosures in 2021," January 12, 2021

"President Signs \$900 Billion Economic Aid Package," December 27, 2020

"*Development Incentives Quarterly*: Fall 2020," November 20, 2020

VORYS

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"*Development Incentives Quarterly: Summer 2020*," August 19, 2020

"Temporary Access to TIF Funds for Municipalities and Townships," June 29, 2020

"Ohio Economic Development Agencies Engaged in COVID-19 Relief Efforts," April 8, 2020

"Important Open Meetings Act Temporary Provisions," March 30, 2020

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

The Best Lawyers In America, Economic Development Law, 2022

Events

2022 Vorys Economic Development Incentives Conference
February 25, 2022

Vorys Economic Development Incentives Conference - Virtual Edition
February 16, 2021

2020 Vorys Economic Development Incentives Conference
February 21, 2020

2019 Vorys Economic Development Incentives Conference
February 22, 2019

2018 Vorys Economic Development Incentives Conference
February 23, 2018

2017 Ohio Economic Development Incentives Conference
February 24, 2017

Grow Licking County Economic Development Series
May 10, 2016

Ohio Economic Development Incentives Conference
February 12, 2016

You've Got Tax-Exempt Bonds! Now What?: Tax-Exempt Bond Compliance for Health Care Entities
January 19, 2012

Corporate Governance: To Disclose or Not Disclose
November 18, 2011