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Robin Smith, a counsel in the Public Finance Practice Group in the Houston office of Haynes and Boone, was licensed to practice law in the state of Texas in 2011 after graduating from the University of Houston Law Center. She has 18 years of prior experience as a non-lawyer professional in another major Texas public finance practice.

Robin has worked on numerous transactions where the firm has represented cities, counties, school districts, junior college districts and charter schools as bond counsel and disclosure counsel. She also has worked on transactions where the firm was acting as underwriter's counsel and representing major national and regional investment banking firms throughout Texas and the Southwest.

Robin handles the filing of event notices on the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system and regularly surveys EMMA filings to determine our clients' historical compliance with their continuing disclosure obligations.

Professional Recognition

- Included in the "Ones to Watch" category of *Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 2021-2022

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- B.A., University of Houston Downtown, 2005, *magna cum laude*
- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2011, Senior Articles Editor, *Houston Business and Tax Law Journal*

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- "Quick Reference Tables: Texas," co-author, *Getting the Deal Through - Project Finance 2015*, Law Business Research Ltd., August 2014.
- "Quick Reference Tables: Texas," co-author, *Getting the Deal Through - Project Finance 2014*, Law Business Research Ltd., August 2013.
- "Quick Reference Tables: Texas," co-author, *Getting the Deal Through - Project Finance 2013*, Law Business Research Ltd., August 2012.
- "Southern Discomfort: An Examination of the Financial Crisis in Jefferson County, Alabama," author, 10 Hous. Bus. & Tax L.J. 363, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers

SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- Underwriter's Counsel on Houston Independent School District's 2016 issuance of $757,195,000 in limited tax schoolhouse and refunding bonds.
- Disclosure Counsel on the city of Houston's 2016 issuance of $557,615,000 in tax-exempt general obligation refunding bonds. The transaction required working closely with the City to ensure the disclosure document correctly reflected the changes in accounting rules with regard to the City's pension obligations.
- Bond counsel on Harris County's Permanent Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A in the issuance of approximately $200 million in bonds.
- Underwriter's Counsel on the City of Austin's 2015 issuance of approximately $300 million in general obligation bonds, consisting of tax-exempt and taxable public improvement and refunding bonds and tax-exempt certificates of obligation and public property finance contractual obligations.
- Bond counsel on Harris County's Flood Control District Contract Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A and Taxable Series 2014B and its Flood Control Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, in the issuance of $170,355,000 of refunding bonds.
- Disclosure counsel for the Houston Community College System and performance of an in-depth survey of the System's filings to determine its compliance with SEC disclosure requirements in connection with the SEC's recent Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation (MCDC) Initiative.
- Disclosure counsel on the Houston Community College System's 2013 issuance of $398,775,000 general obligation limited tax bonds.
- Disclosure Counsel on the City of Houston's issuance of approximately $1.3 billion in tax-exempt and taxable first lien revenue refunding bonds for its combined utility system.
- Disclosure Counsel on the City of Houston's 2014 issuance of approximately $38 million in Airport System Special Facilities Taxable Revenue Refunding Bonds (Consolidated Rental Car Facility Project) issued to refinance the bonds originally issued to finance the construction of a rental car facility at Bush Intercontinental Airport. The disclosure document required careful drafting over a period of a year because of the unique nature of the security for the bonds and a pending dispute between the City of Houston and the car rental companies.
- Disclosure Counsel on the City of Houston's 2013 issuance of $350,900,000 in general obligation bonds, consisting of tax-exempt and taxable public improvement refunding bonds and tax-exempt

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certificates of obligation (demolition program).

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