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Rob Collins' practice focuses on public finance, in particular tax-exempt financings. He serves as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel and disclosure counsel in financing transactions for cities, counties, school districts, economic development corporations, venue projects, water districts and special districts. Rob also advises clients in connection with economic development incentives for public/private projects.

He has successfully represented several cities and special districts in expedited declaratory judgment actions filed in response to or in anticipation of certain legal challenges asserted against the clients' proposed issuance of bonds and/or projects to be financed with bond proceeds.

In addition to his client responsibilities, Rob serves as a member of the firm's Management Committee.

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Experience

Upper Trinity Regional Water District

- bond counsel in connection with \$66 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024; \$27.340 million Northeast Regional Water Reclamation System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024; \$30.450 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2023; \$100 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Subordinate Lien Variable Rate Revolving Notes, Series A; \$43,970 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; \$10.690 million Northeast Regional Water Reclamation System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022; \$40.015 million Regional Treated Water

Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; \$15 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B; \$15.840 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A; \$15 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020; \$12.185 million Regional Treated Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; and \$3.920 million Regional Wastewater Treatment System Revenue Refunding Bonds (Lakeview Regional Water Reclamation System), Series 2020

- bond counsel in connection with TWDB Board Participation for Lake Ralph Hall (\$459.065 million Commitment Total, including \$120 million funded in 2020, \$135 million funded in 2021, \$110 million funded in 2022 and \$48 million funded in 2023)

Dallas Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$482.610 million Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2024

Benbrook Water Authority

- bond counsel in connection with \$9.420 million Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022; \$2.950 million Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; and \$6.630 million Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019

City of Arlington, Texas

- bond counsel in connection with \$30.045 million Water and Wastewater System Revenue Improvement and Refund Bonds, Series 2024; \$9.490 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024; \$7.685 million Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2024B; \$75.850 million Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2024A; \$59.960 million Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2023A; \$4.705 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023; \$7.180 million Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023A; \$83.240 million Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2022A; \$20.335 million Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A; \$44.070 million Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; \$8.390 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; \$9.505 million Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; \$31.820 million Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2021A; \$8.325 million Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B; \$5.185 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A; \$13.450 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020B; \$9.845 million Municipal Drainage Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A; and \$174.665 million General Obligation Pension Bonds, Taxable Series 2020

Greenville Electric Utility System

- bond counsel in connection with \$125.675 million Electric System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2024; \$13.085 million Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022; \$15.120 million Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; \$13.885 million Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; and \$41.610 million Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2019A

Highland Park Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$112.400 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025; \$3.355 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 and \$122.050 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2018

Cedar Hill Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$243.400 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 and \$37,164,969 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable, Series 2019

Duncanville Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$166.020 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

City of Irving, Texas

- bond counsel and disclosure counsel in connection with \$12.860 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2024; \$121.050 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024; \$38.700 million Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; \$20.855 million Combination Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; \$4.265 million Tax Notes, Series 2023; \$19.200 million Tax Notes, Series 2022A; \$835,000 Tax Notes, Series 2022; \$18.755 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligations, Series 2022; \$84.370 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022; \$80.785 million General Obligation Pensions Bonds, Taxable Series 2022; \$86.220 million General Obligation Pension Bonds, Taxable Series 2021; \$22.505 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligations, Series 2021; \$805,000 Tax Notes, Series 2021; \$28.935 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021; \$3.145 million Tax Notes, Series 2020; \$53.230 million General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020; and \$13.440 million Certificate of Obligation, Series 2020
- bond counsel and disclosure counsel in connection with \$26.590 million Waterworks & Sewer System New Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2024; \$32.090 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds, Series 2023; \$23.900 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds, Series 2022; \$18.635 million

Solid Waste Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2022; \$86.220 million General Obligation Pension Bonds, Taxable Series 2021; \$18.920 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2021; and \$34.640 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020

City of Arlington, Texas

- bond counsel in connection with \$321.717 million Rangers Ballpark Complex Admissions and Parking Taxes Revenue Bonds Taxable, Series 2020; \$266.080 million Senior Lien Special Tax Revenue Bonds; \$171.095 million Subordinate Lien Special Tax Revenue Bonds; and \$28.250 million Subordinate Lien Special Tax Revenue Taxable Bonds

City of Greenville, Texas

- bond counsel in connection with \$62.745 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024; \$100.765 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2024; \$90.500 million Waterworks and Sewer System New Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A; \$4.700 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2024; \$2.535 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; \$64.970 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021 and \$53.515 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021

North Texas Municipal Water District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$81.615 million Sabine Creek Regional Wastewater System Contract Revenue Bonds, Series 2022; \$76.055 million Water System Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2021; and \$94.755 million Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020

Greenville Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$7.875 million Maintenance Tax Notes (2023) and \$62.535 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Taxable, Taxable Series 2020

City of Garland, Texas

- disclosure counsel in connection with \$72.610 million Electric Utility System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, New Series 2023; \$39.340 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; \$34.275 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, New Series 2021; \$20.725 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021; and \$16.510 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020

City of Grapevine, Texas

- bond counsel in connection with \$34.545 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2024; \$13.510 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022; \$44.945 million General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series, Series 2021; and \$10.220 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021

City of Mansfield, Texas

- bond counsel in connection with \$58.575 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligations, Series 2024; \$44.955 million Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024; \$11.290 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2023; \$49.200 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022A; \$13.365 million General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2022; \$4.925 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; \$9.360 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2022; \$7.425 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; \$9.100 million Combination Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021; and \$4.475 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020

Collin County, Texas

- bond counsel in connection with \$198.725 million Limited Tax Permanent Improvements and Refundable Bonds, Series 2024; \$243.395 million Limited Tax Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2023; \$82.870 million Limited Tax Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2022 \$103.065 million Limited Tax Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2021; \$28.930 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021; \$151.765 million Limited Tax Permanent Improvement Bonds, Series 2020; and \$47.370 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020

Irving Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$312.040 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023 and \$42.020 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019

Denton County, Texas

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$69.920 million Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020A; \$18.330 million Tax Notes, Series 2020; and \$12.830 million Permanent Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2020

City of Garland, Texas

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$46.370 million Water and Sewer System Revenue Refundable Bonds, Series 2024; \$40.595 million Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation, Series 2024; \$91.705 million General Obligation Refundable and Improvement Bonds, Series 2024; \$10.105 million General Obligation Bonds Taxable, Series 2024; and \$72.610 million Electric Utility System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, New Series 2023

Little Elm Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$106.435 million Fixed and Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024; \$180.250 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023; \$4.655 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2022; \$8.830 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2021; \$20.405 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Taxable Series 2020; and \$24.930 million Fixed and Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020

Lower Colorado River Authority

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$349.920 million Transmission Contract Revenue Refunding Bonds (LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Project), Series 2024A; \$318.180 million Transmission Contract Revenue Refunding Bonds (LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Project), Series 2024; \$472.570 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Project), Series 2023A; \$365.045 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA Transmission Services Corp Project), Series 2023; \$194.220 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA Transmission Services Corp Project), Series 2022A; \$342.630 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA), Series 2022; \$397.185 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA), Series 2021; \$261.525 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Project), Series 2020; and \$145.485 million Transmission Contract Refunding Revenue Bonds (LCRA), Series 2020A

Waco Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$78.455 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023; \$72.855 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2022B; \$189.500 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bond, Series 2022; and \$106.740 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021

City of Bryan, Texas

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$14.465 million Rural Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024; \$25.510 million Electric System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; \$66.795 million Electric Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A; \$15.700 million Electric System Revenue, New Series Bonds 2021; \$19.675 million Rural Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; and \$54.700 million General Obligation Pension Bonds, Taxable Series 2020

Wylie Independent School District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$266.785 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 and \$33.795 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2023

Waxahachie Independent School District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$43.195 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2024; \$197.410 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023; and \$190.640 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023

Royce City Independent School District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$73.650 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 and \$185.895 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023

Rankin Independent School District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$52.130 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024; \$29.400 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023; and \$9.990 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Taxable Series 2023A

Brownwood Independent School District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$56.125 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023

Crawford Independent School District

- bond counsel in connection with \$7.605 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023 and \$1.830 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2019

College Station Independent School District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$4.265 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

Farmersville Independent School District

- underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$25.880 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

Credentials

Education

- Baylor Law School, J.D., 1995, *cum laude*
- Baylor University, B.A., 1992

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Affiliations

- American College of Bond Counsel, Fellow
- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers

Recognition

Chambers USA

- Texas Public Finance, 2025

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Public Finance Law, 2008 – 2025
- Dallas Lawyer of the Year, Public Finance Law, 2019

Thomson Reuters

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2007 – 2010

Baylor Law School

- *Baylor Law Review*, Executive Editor

Publications & Speeches

- "Spotlight on Public Finance: Rule 15c2-12 Amendments," Bracewell Lunch and Learn, January 9, 2019.

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- “Bond Elections 101,” Texas Association of School Business Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, February 26 – March 2, 2018.