

Andrea B. Strauss

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For nearly a quarter of a century, Andrea has served as bond counsel to school districts across the State of Minnesota on a wide array of financings playing a critical role in bringing to life, preserving and enhancing the facilities in which the state's children are educated.

Andrea Strauss has devoted her public finance practice almost exclusively to Minnesota school districts for over two decades, making her one of the state's most experienced, highly-specialized practitioners in this space. She serves as bond counsel on a wide range of school district financings from both taxable and tax-exempt long-term general obligation school building bonds to short-term aid anticipation borrowings. Andrea also guides school districts through the political and procedural complexity of bond elections and levy referenda — processes that require not only strategic counsel but also meticulous guidance and legal precision. She regularly advises on both new money transactions culminating in new capital construction and renovation and refunding bonds that lower borrowing costs resulting in savings to taxpayers.

Andrea's clients range from small rural districts to some of Minnesota's largest urban and suburban independent school districts. She is recognized in Chambers USA for Public Finance in Minnesota, a reflection of the sustained confidence her clients place in her counsel across repeated engagements.

In addition to her bond counsel work, Andrea served as legal counsel in the formation of MN Trust, an investment pool comprised of Minnesota school districts, and continues to serve as its general counsel. That ongoing relationship reflects the depth of trust Andrea builds with public finance clients over time, relationships measured not in single transactions but over years of trusted partnership, reliable legal guidance, and ever-accessible practical advice.

Select Experience

Education

- Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1994)
 - *Hamline Law Review*, 1993-1994
- University of Minnesota (Bachelor of Arts, History, 1992)
 - *summa cum laude*
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- Served as bond counsel to ISD No. 284 (Wayzata Public Schools), Minnesota on the issuance of \$100,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2026B.
- Served as bond counsel to ISD No. 833 (South Washington County Schools), Minnesota on the issuance of \$215,245,000 General Obligation School Building, Facilities Maintenance, and Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A.
- Served as bond counsel to ISD No. 279 (Osseo Area Schools), Minnesota on the issuance of \$77,310,000 General Obligation School Building and Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2026B.
- Served as bond counsel to ISD No. 276 (Minnetonka), Minnesota on the issuance of \$29,999,994.55 General Obligation School Building Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series 2026E.

Professional Affiliations

- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Minnesota Association of School Business Officials
- Minnesota Institute of Public Finance
- Minnesota Women in Public Finance
- Minnesota State Bar Association

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Public Finance, Minnesota, 2026
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2019-2023

Select Presentations

- Presenter, the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) and Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) annual conferences