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Joel L. Piell represents local units of government, specializing in the often complex and confusing area of municipal finance. By cutting through the clutter, he helps his clients implement public policies regarding capital planning and infrastructure needs in ways that provide the most cost efficient and expeditious solution to achieve their goals. His advice is based on decades of experience and often involves innovative structures which may require new financing methods and implementing legislation.

I'm a problem solver for cities, counties and other local units of government attempting to solve their infrastructure needs."

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As an expert in municipal finance, Joel's work has taken him to all of Michigan's 83 counties. He also lectures to municipal groups, drafts proposals for legislative solutions and publishes papers on municipal finance. He previously served as a member of the firm's managing partner group and as CEO.

EXPERIENCE

Over the years Joel has worked on over 2,000 important bond projects. They include the acquisition and creation of streets, water supply and sewer systems, parking decks, city halls, fire trucks and police cars, recreational facilities, brownfields, tax increments financings, industrial and commercial developments and nonprofit facilities. Overall, they range from matters which are simple to those of great complexity -- virtually the entire universe of municipal finance.

Joel played a key role in one of the first brownfield bond issues in Michigan. The proceeds were used to fund infrastructure improvements which helped a client city retain a major employer. In

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a similar matter, Joel helped another city find ways to arrange financing to encourage a locally based company to relocate an out-of-state company it had purchased to its home city.

"My colleagues and I were able to devise a financing plan which utilized sophisticated financial products, the amendment of state statutes, along with complex tax and securities analysis which assisted our client in achieving a significant economic development victory."
