

# Public Entities

Our attorneys work closely with municipalities, school districts, police departments and other public entities to minimize risk and avoid litigation stemming from day to day operational and administrative issues. Our transactional, corporate and employment attorneys collaborate to offer a strategic team approach. We represent a diverse group of municipal and governmental client groups and serve as special and/or corporate counsel for the following:

- School Districts and Student Transportation Safety Professionals
- Municipalities
- Police Department
- Highway Departments, roadway design professionals, and roadway maintenance personnel
- Authorities established to provide facilities and/or financial support for professional or recreational sports, fine arts, public housing or other government supported activities
- Doctors, Nurses, and Hospitals in publicly owned/operated facilities
- Government operated nursing homes, extended care facilities, home health care services
- Park Districts and Public Recreation Facilities
- Public housing authorities and other classifications of federally subsidized housing agencies

Our attorneys have decades of experience advising municipalities in matters relating to governance and operations, drafting intergovernmental agreements, resolutions, regulations, policies and ordinances. We regularly negotiate government contracts with major corporations and energy suppliers. We are experienced in issues relating to civil rights defense, contract disputes, workers compensation and premises liability.

## LABOR AND PERSONNEL

Our attorneys regularly advise clients on personnel matters including all aspects of the employment process from hiring through terminations and grievance hearings. We have broad experience representing municipal and public sector employers in labor issues ranging from contract negotiations, ULP defense and grievance hearings through arbitrations and organization campaigns. We have successfully negotiated police, fire, public works and administrative employee collective bargaining agreements.

## PROFESSIONALS

Julie A. Proscia  
Partner

Suzannah Wilson Overholt  
Partner

Michael G. Cortina  
Partner

Christopher J. Jaekels  
Partner

Michael McGrory  
Partner

## LAND DEVELOPMENT

We advise governments on land use and economic development and incentive agreements as well as the use of other tools, such as Tax Increment Financing, property tax abatements and sales tax rebate agreements. We prepare and negotiate zoning and subdivision ordinances, annexation agreements and comprehensive plans.

## PUBLIC FINANCE

We represent government issuers and 63-20 entities in the issues of general obligation bonds and revenue bonds as bond counsel and disclosure counsel. We also represent underwriters in municipal bond transactions.

## ELECTION LAW

Our attorneys provide and counsel on all aspects of election law including issues related to campaign finance, ethics law and referenda.

## Experience

Obtained Defense Verdict In a Defamation and False Arrest Lawsuit

Victory for Public Servant Clients Ensured by U.S. Supreme Court

Provides Local Government and Lobbying counsel to a National Brewer Headquartered in Milwaukee

Handled Arbitration That Arose From Grievance Filed by Union Alleging Violation of the CBA When Health Insurance Changes Were Made

Defended Illinois County in Property Ownership Dispute

Defeated a Petition to Dissolve a Local Unit of Government

Defended a Police Department and Municipality Against Executive Force, Forcible Entry and A Search and Seizure Charge

Defended a Municipality Against Retirees Claims of Breach of Contract and Violations of the Illinois Insurance Code, U.S. Constitution Equal Protection Clause and the Illinois Constitution Pension Protection Clause

Serves as Litigation Counsel for a Major Illinois City

Serves as Counsel for Illinois Water Reclamation District

Handled Arbitration Involving Grievances Filed By Union Alleging Varying Insurance Premiums

Handled Arbitration From Grievance Filed by Union Alleging Lay Off Without Notice

Michael Cortina Obtains Dismissal for DuPage County

### Firm News

Mike McGrory Selected to the 2023 Irish Legal 100  
Firm News, *Irish Legal 100*, October 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List  
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

36 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023  
Firm News, August 18, 2022

### In the Media

The Defense Research Institute Covers Michael McGrory's and Julie Proscia's Victory  
Media Mention, *The Defense Research Institute*, May 18, 2016

### Alerts

The Supreme Court Ruled that States May Collect Sales Taxes from Out-of-State Retailers: Now What?  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, August 8, 2018

In a Dramatic Turn, an Arbitrator Finds that the Substitutes Act Does Not Prohibit Municipality from Shutting Down Ambulance Services  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, May 23, 2018

The Survival of Abood v. Board of Education, Part 4  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, March 9, 2018

IL Senate Task Force on Sexual Harassment Delves into Both Public and Private Sector Issues  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, March 9, 2018

Social Media & Municipalities: A Roundtable with Our Municipal Attorneys  
*Government Entities Alert*, November 17, 2017

A Roundtable with Amundsen Davis's Municipal Attorneys  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, July 7, 2017

Beware of Potential Punitive Damages Associated with Section 1983 Actions  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, March 31, 2017

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The Survival of *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*, Part 3  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, March 29, 2017

Board Chastised for Keeping Public in the Dark  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, January 10, 2017

Expansion of Police Body Cameras and Anticipated Legal Ramifications  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, January 9, 2017

One Stoplight and Two Drones: Unmanned Aircraft in Small Town America  
*Amundsen Davis Aerospace Alert*, November 2016

Can Homeowners Sue Local Public Entities for Flood Damage?  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, November 2016

Governor Approves Local Government Travel Expense Control Act  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, September 14, 2016

National Personal Email Scandals are a Good Reminder for Governmental Bodies  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, September 14, 2016

Officials Not Entitled to Qualified Immunity in First Amendment Retaliation Claim  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, September 14, 2016

Public Official Immunity for Defamatory Statements  
*Amundsen Davis Government Entities Alert*, July 18, 2016

First District Appellate Court Rejects Defense Argument That Gym Teacher And School District Are Immune from Liability under Section 2-201 of the Illinois Tort Immunity Act  
*Amundsen Davis Municipal Law Alert*, April 25, 2016

### Events

Social Media and Municipalities: Should We Swipe Left or Right?  
IML Annual Conference; Chicago, IL, September 21, 2019

The Impact of Legalization of Recreational Cannabis on Illinois Municipalities  
IML Annual Conference; Chicago, IL, September 20, 2019

The Current State of Sexual Harassment Legislation in the Wake of the #MeToo Movement  
Chicago, IL; Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference, September 21, 2018

Calling All Public Sector Employers: SCOTUS Reverses *Janus* – What You Need To Know  
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, July 9, 2018

Transgender Issues In the Workplace - Unveiling the Myths and Misconceptions  
Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, September 22, 2016

New Overtime Laws and What They Mean for Local Government

Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, September 22, 2016

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