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As co-chair of the firm's Public Finance Practice Group, Val DiGiorgio's practice focuses on commercial lending and tax-exempt financing for 501(c)(3) entities, governmental units and other entities. He has served as bond counsel and has represented governmental issuers and authorities, letter of credit providers, underwriters and borrower in dozens of tax-exempt financings with an aggregate value in excess of \$1.5 billion.

Mr. DiGiorgio has served as the firm's lead attorney in sophisticated and complex transactions ranging from financing for large corporations and universities to acquisitions by commercial banking clients. These transactions often require the resolution of an array of real estate, credit and tax issues


Financing facilities for local universities and private secondary and elementary schools is another important component of Mr. DiGiorgio's practice. These transactions often involve the resolution of significant federal tax and constitutional law issues, in particular, when the financing is for the benefit of elementary and secondary schools affiliated with or sponsored by religious institutions, such as the firm's client, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The firm has taken a leading role in developing a framework for analyzing the viability of financing religiously affiliated schools under the changing landscape of First Amendment law on this subject matter. This role has led to the firm's engagement as borrower or bond counsel in transactions involving numerous non-Catholic faith-based organizations.

Mr. DiGiorgio's practices also includes banking compliance law and federal and state lending law. He also oversees the loan collection and real estate foreclosure activities of various banking and other lender clients.

Additionally, Mr. DiGiorgio is a member of the firm's Government and Public Affairs Practice Group. In this capacity he provides services including business development and securing and documenting public sector financing.

Mr. DiGiorgio's client representations include:

- serving as bond and borrower's counsel for state and county governments, municipalities and 501(c)(3) entities and counseling and advising borrowers, banks and other entities in structuring such financings
- serving as underwriter's and trustee's counsel in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt bonds
- advising, financial institution clients regarding compliance with state and federal regulatory matters, origination of mortgage loans, maintenance of customer deposits, and various related matters
- advising banking and credit union clients with regard to the electronic delivery of consumer compliance disclosures over the Internet
- advising banks and other financial institution clients with regard to compliance with Federal Truth in Lending laws, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Anti-Predatory Lending laws, and other state and federal consumer protection laws

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

J.D., Villanova University
School of Law, 1994

B.B.A., *magna cum laude*,
Temple University, 1989

MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member, Chester County
Retirement Plan Community

Board Member, Chester County
Prison

Board Member, Uwchlan
Township Zoning Hearing

Chester County Bar Association

Executive Committee, Chester
County Republican Party

National Association of Bond
Lawyers

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Presidential Appointee,
Christopher Columbus
Fellowship Committee

PUBLICATIONS

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- advising and representing financial institution clients in connection with the establishment of subsidiaries and affiliates to perform various services for customers
- making presentations to residential mortgage lenders about compliance with federal and state consumer lending laws
- representing a nonprofit community organization before state legislators and governor's staff regarding state capital budget funding for construction of the nonprofit client's new facilities
- serving as Solicitor to the Uwchlan Township Industrial Development Authority

In addition, Mr. DiGiorgio was recognized as "an up and coming star in Pennsylvania politics," by the *The Legal Intelligencer's* "50 on the Fast Track." He was one of 50 lawyers chosen from hundreds of nominations for what he has achieved in his career and for the potential he shows to be a leader of the Pennsylvania bar in the years to come. In 2005, 2006, and 2007, *Super Lawyers* - the "ultimate guide to the top lawyers in Pennsylvania" - and *Philadelphia Magazine* named Mr. DiGiorgio a "Rising Star," an honor received by only 2.5% of Pennsylvania lawyers each year. Rising Stars are chosen by their peers as being among the top up-and-coming lawyers in the state.

Mr. DiGiorgio speaks frequently on topics such as structuring tax-exempt financing and consumer compliance for lenders.

PERSONAL

In 2005, Mr. DiGiorgio was elected to the position of controller of Chester County, Pa., for which he is currently serving a four-year term. As Controller, Mr. DiGiorgio is responsible for auditing Chester County's departments and agencies, maintaining its general ledger and paying all county bills.

He also serves as solicitor for Uwchlan Township Industrial Development Authority (IDA) in Chester County. The IDA serves as a conduit borrower for tax-exempt borrowings and bond issuances on behalf of nonprofit entities and manufacturing companies.

Mr. DiGiorgio is a member of the Chester County Republican Party's Executive Committee. In 2005, Mr. DiGiorgio was appointed by President Bush to the board of trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, for which he also serves as general counsel.

Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Mr. DiGiorgio served as chief of staff to Sen. Melissa A. Hart of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and served as counsel to the Pennsylvania Department of Banking during the Ridge Administration. His professional experience also includes the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), where he worked as a bank examiner analyzing institutional compliance with federal rules and regulations.