

Adam B. Simon

Adam B. Simon represents municipalities, park districts and other special districts in a variety of areas, including commercial litigation, land use and economic development, public finance, real estate law and telecommunications. Mr. Simon's principal focus is economic development and public finance. In that role he counsels municipalities on the leveraging of public debt financing and private investment to create new public improvements and commercial/residential development. He has helped to organize a number of special service areas both for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements and providing a stream of revenue to support the provision of additional public services. Mr. Simon assists clients with negotiating development agreements in relation to tax increment financing and business development districts. Mr. Simon has also served as issuer's counsel for the sale of general obligation, revenue and alternate revenue bonds.

Mr. Simon is an active member of the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. Related to this interest, Mr. Simon has lectured or written on topics ranging from municipal broadband authority, federal preemption of local zoning authority over satellite dishes and cellular antennas, emerging cable technologies and Internet use policies. Mr. Simon also has experience in negotiating leases for wireless communication facilities and cable franchise agreements.

Before coming to Ancel Glink, as an Assistant State's Attorney in Lake County, Illinois, he practiced civil litigation, ordinance enforcement and general municipal corporate counseling. Mr. Simon also served as the staff attorney for the Lake County Officer's Electoral Board. He continues to practice election law and has presented and defended objections before both the Chicago and Cook County Electoral Boards. Mr. Simon continues his work with ordinance enforcement from the "other side of the bench" as an experienced hearing officer in administrative adjudication systems.

Mr. Simon received his undergraduate degree in Engineering and Public Policy with minor concentrations in Environmental Sciences and Economics from Washington University in St. Louis. He received his Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center where, as a member of the Institute for Public Representation and the International Environmental Law Review, he petitioned for an amendment to the D.C. Zoning Ordinance to help eliminate blight and published several brief articles.