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Ms. Given is well known for her work as bond counsel to Illinois school districts. She has worked on more than 1,000 financing transactions for Illinois schools, aggregating well in excess of \$2,000,000,000. Her experience in school finance is recognized state-wide by her appointment to several prominent positions, including the Illinois Health/Life Safety Code Advisory Committee, the Educational Facilities Subcommittee of the Illinois Building Commission, the Illinois Capital Development Board School Construction Guideline Task Force and the Finance Committee of the Governor's Commission to Revise the Illinois School Code.

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Presentations

- Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference
- Illinois Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference
- IASB/IASA/IASBO Annual Tri-Conference

Publications

- *Issue and Sale of School Bonds, Warrants and Notes*, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Illinois School Law, 2005 edition
- *Non-Referendum Bonds Can Be Used to Pay Alternate Bonds*, Illinois Parks and Recreation, Volume 34, Number 5, September/October/November, 2003
- Contributor to *Build Smart-School Construction in Illinois*, Final Report of the School Construction Guideline Task Force, November, 2000