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Speaker Bios

Coley Anderson, Vice President, Moody's Investor Service

Coley is a Vice President for the Chicago Local Government Ratings Team covering credits across the Midwest. He is the state lead for Illinois local governments and has served as the lead analyst for Cook County, Chicago Public Schools, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Indianapolis and Cincinnati. He also serves as a sector champion for Moody's Environmental, Social, and Governance scoring initiative. Prior to joining Moody's, Coley was a Senior Financial Analyst in healthcare and local government. Coley holds a Masters and BA degree from the University of Southern Illinois.

Brian Battle, Managing Director, Performance Trust

Brian is the Managing Director at the Performance Trust Companies, is recognized nationwide as a market expert who provides valuable insight on issues related to liability management, mortgage securities, general market and taxable municipal bonds.

His 30+ years of market experience in analyzing, underwriting and trading has proven to be a tremendous asset for the company as well as the industry. As an expert resource, he utilizes his expertise to bring our disciplined analytical approach to the middle markets in the financial industry. Brian is a frequent on-air commentator for CNBC, Fox Business News, National Public Radio, *Chicago Tonight* and Bloomberg TV, and has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune* and numerous online financial news sources.

Brian joined Performance Trust in 2005 as a trader and underwriter. Prior to Performance Trust, he spent a decade at Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, Inc. He began his career at American National Bank & Trust, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Chicago (JP Morgan).

Brian holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business and economics from Winona State University in Minnesota and an MBA from DePaul University. He is a member of the Chicago Municipal Analyst Society, (CMAS) National Federation of Municipal Analysts (NMFA), past president of the Municipal Bond Club of Chicago and an instructor at the Municipal Bond School in Chicago.

Christina Coyle, Director of Finance, City of Elmhurst

Christina became the Director of Finance at the City of Elmhurst in February 2022. She oversees the City's \$180 million annual budget, accounting, financial reporting, and financial planning. Prior to joining the City, Christina was the Assistant Finance Director and subsequently the Finance Director at the Village of Glen Ellyn, where she worked for 10 years. Previously, Ms. Coyle was also a government Audit Manager at Baker Tilly, LLP.

Christina is also the Chair of the Technical Accounting Review Committee (TARC) of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). Christina is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she double-majored in Finance and French.

Kent Flores, Partner, Chapman and Cutler LLP

Kent is a partner in Chapman's Illinois Public Finance Department. He participated in the firm's summer associate program in 2008, and joined the firm in 2009. Kent is a certified public accountant (CPA) registered in the State of Illinois.

Kent serves as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, and disclosure counsel in governmental purpose securities transactions. He routinely advises issuers, investment banks, commercial banks, and financial advisors on state law and federal tax law matters related to the structure and sale of governmental obligations. Kent also provides legal assistance with respect to securities law matters, including SEC and MSRB rules and regulations governing the municipal securities market. Kent has also served as pension disclosure counsel with respect to bond issuances by several large Illinois issuers, in which role he has drafted or revised such disclosures in response to recent enforcement actions by the SEC.

Kent is a frequent panelist and speaker on public finance and regulatory topics, including post-issuance compliance, state law matters relevant to local governments, disclosure matters, and pensions.

Don Harmon, Illinois Senate President

In January 2020, Don Harmon was elected by his colleagues to serve as the 39th President of the Illinois Senate, vowing to lead a new era of ethical progress as the Senate works to rebuild trust in public service and rationalize state tax policy.

Harmon, an Oak Park native, was first elected to the Illinois Senate in the fall of 2002. During his time in the General Assembly, he championed early childhood education, ethics reform, curbing gun violence, protecting civil rights and expanding voter access.

He also worked to protect Illinois' natural resources, promote renewable energy and enhancing economic opportunity for all.

Harmon was an early supporter of Preschool for All programs and sponsored the Illinois Early Learning Council.

Harmon led efforts to win legislative approval of the Fair Tax constitutional amendment that will give voters the opportunity to overhaul the state's antiquated tax system.

In the Senate, he previously served as president pro tempore and chaired the influential Executive Committee.

Harmon has an undergraduate degree from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois and a law degree and MBA from the University of Chicago. He was a founding member of the Boat Drink Caucus band, a bipartisan group of lawmakers who set aside politics to perform at small venues across the state.

He and his wife, Teresa, are the parents of three children: Don, Frances and Margaret.

Andrew Kim, Director, PMA Securities, LLC

Andrew joined PMA Securities in 2015. He has been in the public finance industry since 2009 as both an investment banker and a financial advisor, and has extensive experience structuring numerous bond issues throughout the course of his career. This background includes in-depth knowledge of Illinois property tax levies, referenda, and other aspects of Illinois municipal finance. At PMA, Andrew is responsible for expanding PMA's financial advisory footprint among units of government in the northern region of the State of Illinois. Andrew's education includes a bachelor of arts in economics from Northwestern University and a master of public policy from the University of Chicago.

Todd Krzyskowski, Director, Mesirow Financial

Todd is a Managing Director in Mesirow Public Finance. He specializes in serving Midwestern clients who issue general obligation and revenue-backed bonds, specifically in Indiana and Illinois.

Todd has extensive experience in the industry, including broad underwriting and infrastructure financing. Prior to joining Mesirow in 2008, he served as a Senior Banker at J.P. Morgan where he participated in a wide range of variable and fixed rate bond transactions for utility and public power clients, schools, states and municipalities. Before beginning his career in public finance, he held various finance and accounting positions including Controller of First Chicago Investment Services, Inc., the first registered securities broker-dealer within the former First Chicago Corporation.

Todd earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He holds FINRA Series 4, 7, 24, 27, 50 and 63 licenses.

Philip McKenna, President, Kane, McKenna & Associates, Inc.

Philip was a founding partner of Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. in 1984 and has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of both Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. and its affiliate, Kane, McKenna Capital, Inc. since 1994. Mr. McKenna currently serves on advisory and/or governing boards within and without the industry including: Illinois Tax Increment Association, Board and Legislative Advisory Committee. Mr. McKenna is also a past member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Public Finance Advisors (“NAIPFA”). He holds a Certified Independent Public Financial Advisor Certification and has been a frequent speaker on a variety of municipal and development topics.

A 1970 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Mr. McKenna also received a Master of Business Administration degree from The University of Chicago in 1978.

Anthony F. Miceli, Senior Vice President, Speer Financial, Inc.

Anthony is a Senior Vice President and Director of Speer Financial, Inc. Certified Independent Public Municipal Advisor by National Association of Municipal Advisors. Qualified Municipal Advisor Representative (Series 50) and Principal (Series 54) with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. B.S., North Central College, Naperville, IL, with majors in both Finance and Economics. Previous experience as a Vice President in the public finance department of a Milwaukee, WI based investment banking and financial services firm. Member of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association. Has been employed by Speer Financial since 2013. Serves as municipal advisor to numerous Cities, Villages, Counties, Water and Wastewater Agencies, Park District and Fire Protection Districts throughout the state of Illinois.

Briana Moore, Energy and Conservation Specialist, Will County

Briana is an Energy and Conservation Specialist in the Resource Recovery and Energy Division of the Will County Land Use Department. She improves energy and water efficiency through the design and implementation of Will County’s 2021 Energy and Conservation Plan—benchmarking energy consumption and costs, collaborating with facilities staff to execute County-wide efficiency projects, and coordinating sustainability programs for residents and businesses. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from the University of Chicago in 2020.

Seema Patel, Senior Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP

Seema is Senior Counsel in Chapman’s Illinois Public Finance Department. Seema started her career at Chapman in 2008 after participating in the firm’s summer associate program, and she rejoined the firm in 2013 after spending a year traveling the world.

Seema serves as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, underwriter’s counsel, purchaser’s counsel, and placement agent’s counsel in a variety of public financings around the country. Her experience includes financings related to general obligation debt, specific revenue pledges, utilities, exempt facilities, tax increment financing, and property assessed clean energy financings. She routinely advises issuers, investment banks, commercial banks, investors, and municipal advisors on state law, federal tax law, and securities law matters related to the structure and sale of municipal securities.

She also devotes a significant amount of her practice to new and developing areas of finance, including broadband finance and property assessed clean energy (PACE) finance.

She is a frequent panelist and speaker on public finance and regulatory topics, including broadband, PACE, state law matters relevant to local governments, particularly municipalities, and disclosure matters such as post-issuance compliance.

Seema is passionate about the firm's pro bono program and has assisted clients in attaining asylum, applying for employment authorization documents and maintaining DACA status.

Seema is heavily involved with the firm's diversity and recruiting initiatives and is a frequent panelist and participant in diversity programming in Chicago. She is also a member of the Chapman Diversity Scholarship Committee.

Stephan Roberts, Director – Public Finance, BAIRD

Stephan joined the Baird public finance team in 1998. Since then, he has provided Illinois issuers, large and small, with leadership and investment banking expertise. Stephan provides services to such clients as the Counties of Rock Island and Winnebago, the Cities of Moline, Rock Island, and Rochelle, and the Villages of Tinley Park and Hoffman Estates. He also serves a wide range of Midwestern clients. He brings innovative ideas to clients' unique needs and will continue to provide the same level of service to his clients. Testament to this was his participation on The Bond Buyer's Midwest Regional Deal of the Year Award in 2005 and National Non-Traditional Deal of the Year Award in 2009. Stephan is a graduate of North Central College in Naperville, Illinois where he graduated summa cum laude with his Bachelor of Science in Finance. He is licensed through the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority as a General Securities Representative (Series 7), Municipal Advisor Representative (Series 50), Municipal Securities Representative (Series 52), Municipal Securities Principal (Series 53), Municipal Advisor Principal (Series 54), and as a Uniform Securities Agent (Series 63)

Jim Snyder, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

Jim is head of the Illinois Municipal Finance Group. He acts as bond counsel and disclosure counsel to hundreds of governmental entities throughout the state of Illinois, including school districts, cities, villages, counties, park districts and special districts and as underwriters counsel to dozens of municipal bond underwriters.

Jim regularly serves clients on municipal finance transactions including issuers of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, special service area bonds, tax increment bond bonds, industrial development revenue bonds, multifamily housing bonds and Section 501(c)(3) revenue bonds. Jim is a frequent speaker on public finance issues and is a Board Member and Executive Committee Member of the Council of the Development Finance Authorities and has acted as a member of the Steering Committee for the National Association of Bond Lawyers Bond Attorney Workshop.

Jason Stringer, Vice President - Business Development, Inland Green Capital and Program Administrator, Illinois Energy Conservation Authority (IECA) PACE Program

Jason is a clean energy finance professional with nearly 25 years of experience spanning project financing, program development, local government relations, sustainability, and C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) administration. Jason leads IECA's C-PACE program development and administration activity in Illinois communities. With a deeply rooted background in finance program development and management, loan origination, and project development, Jason is also well-versed in sustainable building practices as a LEED Green Associate. He is passionate about improving access to financing that stimulates adoption of clean energy.