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Speaker Bios

Kent Floros, Partner, Chapman and Cutler LLP

Kent Floros is a partner in Chapman's Illinois Public Finance Department. 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 is also a Certified Public Accountant registered in the State of Illinois.

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

Anthony F. Miceli is Senior Vice President, Director and Owner with Speer Financial Inc., having been with Speer since 2013. He is a Certified Independent Public Municipal Advisor by National Association of Municipal Advisors, a Qualified Municipal Advisor Representative (Series 50) and a Qualified Municipal Advisor Principal (Series 54) with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. His clients include numerous counties, cities, villages, park districts, schools and other special districts. Anthony has approximately 18 years of experience in public financing, previously serving as a Vice President in the public finance department of a Milwaukee, WI based investment banking and financial services firm. He has B.S., North Central College, Naperville, IL, with majors in both Finance and Economics. Anthony is an active member of the IGFOA.

Mary A. OConnor, ASA, CFE, CRE, CMI, Partner, Forensic and Valuation Services, Sikich LLP

Mary is Partner, Forensic and Valuation Services of Sikich LLP specializing in forensic consulting in litigation and fraud matters for corporations, municipalities, and schools. Having testified in jurisdictions across the United States, she routinely works with companies and organizations to solve issues related to employee dishonesty and to provide independent support for insurance claims, civil litigation, and restitution matters. Mary served as the elected Commissioner of Finance, City Treasurer for the Village of Palos Park, IL for two terms, which gives her unique perspective into the pressures and constraints facing local governments when dealing with fraud incidents and internal control matters.

Becoming a Partner of Sikich LLP in 2010, Mary was formerly employed by the international forensic accounting firm of RGL, Inc., and Deloitte. She holds a B.A. from the University of Illinois, Urbana, and an M.B.A. with a concentration in finance from Georgia State University, Atlanta. She also holds a certificate in internal controls from the University of Georgia, Athens as well as a Certificate in Fraud Examination from St. Xavier University, Chicago.

Sarah Schillerstrom, Founder and President, SRSD Consulting, LLC

With a successful career in local government spanning over nearly two decades, Sarah has held multiple positions across various departments, including Public Works, Administrative Services, Human Resources and the Village Manager's Office. She served as the Human Resources Director for almost a decade and concluded her service as the Deputy Village Manager. She started her career as a L.P. Cookingham-Noll Fellow and Budget Analyst with the City of Kansas City, MO.

Sarah founded SRSD Consulting, LLC because she believes public servants deserve a workplace where they have opportunities to grow and develop, are supported by strong leaders, and are valued for their contributions. SRSD supports public sector organizations in developing and implementing strategies to retain their best people, cultivate strong leadership and future successors, and to intentionally create an organizational culture that people want to embrace.

As a certified professional coach, Sarah utilizes a coaching approach and draws on the principles of Energy Leadership™, to identify the root causes and barriers to progress, to guide individuals, teams, and organizations in effecting incremental, consistent, and impactful change.

Greg Smith, Partner, Elrod Friedman LLP

Greg Smith is a partner at Elrod Friedman LLP where he works with public and private sector clients. His practice is focused on economic development, land use, and general local government representation. Greg's economic development experience spans a wide range of incentives and public-private partnership structures focused on improving economic conditions and generating additional tax revenues through high quality developments. He has a deep understanding of development incentives such as tax increment financing (TIF districts), special service areas, sales and utility tax sharing, and property tax abatements. Greg works with multidisciplinary teams on projects across real estate sectors including industrial, data centers, warehousing, gaming, office, retail, mixed-use, and residential, including affordable housing.