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Troy focuses his practice on municipal bonds, public finance, economic development incentives, and government relations. He has represented cities, counties, community colleges, universities and other organizations across Mississippi.

PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Public Finance
- Governmental Finance
- Public-Private Partnerships & Public Facilities
- Economic Development
- Government Relations

EXPERIENCE

- \$3,380,000 Yazoo County, Mississippi, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010.
- \$6,020,000 City of Laurel, Mississippi, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010.
- \$49,900,000 S.M. Educational Building Corporation Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 (Campus Facilities Improvements Project).
- \$5,700,000 Rankin County School District, Rankin County, Mississippi, General Obligation Limited - Tax Notes, Series 2009.
- \$1,216,200 City of Ellisville, Mississippi, Combined Water & Sewer Rural Development Revenue Bond, Series 2008.
- \$343,000 City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, Tax Increment Financing Bonds, Series 2008A (Cypress Centre Marketplace, LLC Project).
- \$90,000,000 MBFC Taxable Revenue Bond, Series 2008 (Caledonia Energy Partners, LLC Project).
- \$10,800,000 MBFC Variable Rate Demand Revenue Gulf Opportunity Zone Bonds, Series 2006 (600 Concourse, LLC Project).
- Underwriter's Counsel for \$15,520,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2009 (The University of Southern Mississippi Parking Facilities Construction Project).
- Trustee's Counsel for \$34,745,060 MBFC Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 (300 Renaissance, LLC Project).

- Underwriter's Counsel for \$18,605,000 Lost Rabbit Public Improvement District, Special Assessment Bond, Series 2008.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Mississippi, 2003
- U.S. District Court
 - Mississippi: Northern and Southern Districts
- U.S. Court of Appeals
 - 5th Circuit

DISTINCTIONS

- *Super Lawyers®*
 - Mid-South Super Lawyers, Government Finance, 2016-2017
 - Mid-South Rising Stars, Government Finance, 2012-2013
- General Counsel, Mississippi Municipal League (MML)
- Leadership Mississippi, Class of 2013

ASSOCIATIONS

- Mississippi Bar Association
- American Bar Association
 - State and Local Government Section
- Capital Area Bar Association
- Madison County Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Mississippi Municipal Attorneys Association
- Mississippi Economic Development Council

EDUCATION & HONORS

- Mississippi College, J.D., 2003
 - Moot Court Board
 - American Jurisprudence Award, Judicial Administration
- University of Southern Mississippi, M.B.A, 1997
- University of Southern Mississippi, B.A., Polymer Science, 1995

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Presenter, "Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act," Mississippi Municipal League, March 28, 2022.
- Presenter, "American Rescue Plan Act Funding Webinar," Mississippi Municipal League, July 15, 2021.
- Presenter, "Issuing Bonds – The Rules," CDFA Digital Training Institute, June 2020.

- Presenter, “Basic Municipal Finance,” Mississippi Municipal League Certified Municipal Officer Program, 2017-2020.
- Presenter, “School Bond Financings with Tax Credits,” East Mississippi Center for Educational Development, April 2019.
- Presenter, “2019 Legal Update,” Mississippi Association of County Board Attorneys CLE, January 2019.
- Presenter, “Tools for Redevelopment,” Mississippi Municipal League, June 2018.
- Panelist, “Municipal Finance Opportunities,” Mississippi City Clerk Certification Program, 2012, 2018.
- Panelist, “Public Private Partnerships (P3s): Nuts and Bolts,” 86th Annual Conference, Mississippi Municipal League, July 25, 2017.
- Panelist, “After the Bond Closing: Keeping the SEC and IRS Away,” Mississippi Municipal League, June 2014.
- Presenter, “Annual Disclosure Filing Requirements Related to Bond Issues,” Mississippi Municipal League Summer Convention, June 2011.
- Author, “Municipal Finance, The Toolkit: Tools for Municipal Leaders,” co-authored with D. Grubbs, John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University and The Mississippi Municipal League (2011).