



## Aaron S. Berke

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### Practice Areas

Business Organizational Matters,  
Including Entity Selection and  
Capital Structure

Corporate and Business  
Organizations

Corporate Governance

Government Relations

Mergers and Acquisitions

Securities Law Compliance

Securities Offerings

Tax and Economic Development  
Incentives

### Education

University of Michigan Law  
School, J.D., 2000

University of Pennsylvania, B.A.,

Aaron is a partner in the Vorys Akron office and a member of the corporate group. He regularly represents issuers, underwriters, developers and conduit borrowers on tax-exempt and taxable borrowings to support their projects. In addition, Aaron counsels developers, operating companies, political subdivisions and investors on utilizing tax credits, economic development incentives, abatements, economic development financing mechanisms, public-private partnerships and special economic development entities to support projects such as mixed-use developments, corporate headquarters, data centers and other large-scale real estate and infrastructure investments.

### Representative transactions include:

- Represented the developer in a multi-layered, public-private partnership financing transaction that won Central Ohio NAIOP's Most Creative Deal Structure award. The transaction included three public bond issuances, complex easements, and TIF and CRA incentives to support the construction of the first phase of a \$100M+ mixed-use project called The Pointe at Polaris.
- Represented an operating company in the redevelopment of an approximately 20 acre urban brownfield site through a joint venture with a developer into a mixed use site including the company's world headquarters, other office buildings, community space, an amphitheater, apartments and more; securing various funding methods including TIF, CRA, JobsOhio grants and loans, City grants and brownfield funds
- Represented a port authority in connection with the issuance of bonds and tax increment backed notes to finance the construction of airport facilities
- Represented an underwriter in connection with the issuance of tax increment backed bonds to finance the redevelopment of a public parking garage supporting approximately 260,000 square feet of office development and 290,000 square feet of retail development

*cum laude*, 1997

**Bar & Court Admissions**

Ohio

*Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.*

**Industries**

Data Centers

**Honors & Recognitions**

*Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Bonds/Government Finance, 2005-2006, 2010

*The Best Lawyers In America*, Economic Development Law, 2022–2026; Project Finance Law, 2023–2026; Public Finance Law, 2024–2026

**Professional and Community Activities**

Anti-Defamation League Cleveland Regional Board Member, 2016 to present

