

Helen C. Atkeson

Partner

Denver

Biography

Helen Atkeson has worked for decades with states, cities, public authorities, other governmental entities, and nonprofit entities in the United States to fund their capital programs using traditional debt financings and through public-private partnerships. Her work shapes communities, with the construction of convention centers, low-income housing, airports, roads, college dorms, hospitals, and museums, to name a few.

She helps her government clients understand and satisfy their obligations under the federal securities laws when they access the debt markets. She brings her understanding of debt structures to the firm's M&A team when assisting academic medical center and university clients to collaborate, restructure, or affiliate with others.

Helen moved to Denver "for a few years" after finishing a clerkship on the U.S. Court of Appeals in her hometown of Washington, D.C. She joined the firm in 1993 when the Denver office opened.

Representative experience

Bond counsel to High Performance Transportation Enterprise for I-25N loan.

Disclosure counsel to the Colorado Department of Transportation for its Transportation Notes.



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Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Transportation

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Automotive Regulatory

Rail

Education and

Disclosure counsel to the Regional Transportation District in Colorado.

Issuer's counsel and disclosure counsel to E-470 Public Highway on major bond issuances.

Finance counsel to Vanderbilt University in connection with its sale of medical center assets to newly formed Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Disclosure counsel to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority.

Disclosure counsel to the Regents of the University of Colorado.

Disclosure counsel to the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.

Disclosure counsel to the State of Colorado for the Higher Education Certificates of Participation.

Underwriters' counsel for financings by the New Mexico Finance Authority.

General counsel for College Invest and the Colorado 529 Plans.

Awards and rankings

- Public Finance Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2007-2018, 2021
- Denver Public Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year", *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2018
- Finalist - Outstanding Women in Business award, *Denver Business Journals*, 2017
- Colorado Super Lawyers, 2006-2015
- Corporate Counsel Black Book, 2008

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector

admissions

Education

J.D., The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, 1982

B.A., Duke University, 1979

Memberships

Fellow, American College of Bond Counsel

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Colorado Bar Association

Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers

President of the Board of Directors, National Association of Bond Lawyers

Bar admissions and qualifications

Colorado

- Analysis
 - Basic considerations on public-private partnerships (P3s) by colleges and universities
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells is advising Mikhail Prokhorov in sale of full ownership of Barclays Center and controlling interest in the Brooklyn Nets to Joe Tsai
- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells advises client on a transaction that received a Bond Buyers National Deal of the Year Award
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - P3 Implications of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) *Transportation Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - SEC proposes rules to require registration of "municipal advisors"; municipal advisors defined broadly to potentially include appointed board members of municipal entities and conduit borrowers, employees of conduit borrowers, banks, underwriters, lawyers, and others *Public Finance Alert*