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Practice Areas

Business & Commercial Transactions
Disaster Preparedness & Recovery
Economic Development
Government Relations & Legislative Advocacy
Public Finance
Tax Credit Programs

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1971

Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center,
Louisiana State University,
J.D., 1971

Louisiana Tech University,
B.A., 1971



Fred Chevalier is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Transactions Practice Group and practices from the firm's Baton Rouge office. He works extensively with Gulf Opportunity Zone (GO Zone) benefits, tax increment financing, special tax districts, and tax sharing and tax credits, including New Markets Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, and Rehabilitation Tax Credits.

Mr. Chevalier has represented both the public and private sectors in major economic development projects, and his clients include V-Vehicle; Foster Farms; Union Tank Car Company; Northrop Grumman Ship Systems; CG Rail; ThyssenKrupp USA, Inc.; Lowe's; Denham Springs Economic Development District; Greater New Orleans, Inc.; Ascension Economic Development Corporation; Jefferson Economic Development Commission; and various real estate developers, to name a few. He is currently serving as lead bond counsel on a \$1-billion financing for a gasification plant sponsored by Leucadia National Corporation, headquartered in New York City.

Mr. Chevalier has served as bond counsel to the State of Louisiana and its agencies, public corporations, political subdivisions, and public trusts, including five statewide issuers of tax-exempt bonds. He has served as a technical legal adviser in the drafting of the federal GO Zone legislation following Hurricane Katrina, and numerous public finance measures adopted by the Louisiana State Legislature, including laws relating to the State Bond Commission, the Louisiana Community Development Authority Act, the Louisiana Recovery District, tax increment financing, municipal leasing, and numerous economic development measures. In addition, he has served various state administrations as an adviser on Louisiana state debt and debt issuance and has provided recommendations regarding fiscal policies.

Mr. Chevalier has served as a speaker on various private and government-sponsored seminar panels and advisory panels on public finance,

including the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 (KETRA) and GO Zone workshops and as a finance panelist for *The Bond Buyer*, the Governor's Economic Development Conference, the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Public Law Institute, the City Attorney's Association, the Government Finance Institute, various chambers of commerce, and the Louisiana Bankers Association.

Mr. Chevalier served as Assistant Attorney General for Public Finance for the State of Louisiana and Chief of the Public Finance Section from 1973–1980, in which he represented the Louisiana State Treasury Department and the State Bond Commission as Bond Counsel to the State. Mr. Chevalier was later appointed Assistant State Treasurer, and was responsible for the investment of state funds. He also served as in-house counsel to the Louisiana State Treasurer's Office and the State Bond Commission.

Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Economic Development Law and Public Finance Law (listed annually since 2003)
- Listed in the 2007 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Bonds/Government Finance
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

Presentations

- "Economic Development Financing"
The Poultry & Egg Institute's Environmental Management Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 17, 2010
- "Economic Development Financing"
New Orleans, Louisiana, October 15, 2008
- "The Gulf Opportunity Zone Act"
January 2006
- "Tax Increment Financing in Louisiana"
Advance Zoning and Land Use in Louisiana Seminar sponsored by Lorman Education Services, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 8, 2005

- "Pending Federal Legislation Related to Tax-Exempt Bond Issuance for Redevelopment of the Hurricane-Ravaged Areas"
Gulf Coast Recovery Conference, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the International Economic Development Council, Washington, D.C.,
November 28, 2005

Publications

- "Legislative Briefing – Katrina Update"
January 24, 2006

Memberships

- Baton Rouge Bar Association
- International Economic Development Council
- Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Phi Alpha Delta
- State of Louisiana (Assistant Attorney General for Public Finance, 1973–1980; Assistant Treasurer, 1980–1982)

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court, 1976

M.D. La., 1973