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### Practice Areas

Business & Finance

Economic Development

Government Relations

Public Finance

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### Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1971

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### Education

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

Louisiana Tech University,  
B.A., 1971

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Fred Chevalier has represented both the public and private sectors in major economic development projects, including 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. He works extensively with Gulf Opportunity Zone benefits, tax increment financing, special tax districts, and tax sharing and tax credits, including new Market Tax Credits, Historic, and Rehabilitation credits.

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 advisor in the drafting of the federal Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 (GO Zone) legislation after Hurricane Katrina at the federal level 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 advisor on Louisiana state debt and debt issuance and has provided recommendations regarding fiscal policies.

Mr. Chevalier has also served as a speaker on various private and governmentally sponsored seminar panels and advisory panels on public finance, including KETRA and GO Zone workshops and as a finance panelist for the Bond Buyer, Governor's Economic Development Conference,

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 capacity 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 where he was responsible for the investment of state funds and served as in-house counsel to the Louisiana State Treasurer's Office and the State Bond Commission.

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#### Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2008 (Copyright 2007 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the area of 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.** *CV, BV and AV are registered certification marks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies. Martindale-Hubbell is the facilitator of a peer review rating process. Ratings reflect the confidential opinions of members of the Bar and the Judiciary. Martindale-Hubbell Ratings fall into two categories—legal ability and general ethical standards.*

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#### Presentations

- "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

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### **Publications**

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

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### **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, Public Finance (Assistant Attorney General, 1973–1980)
- State of Louisiana, Treasurer (1980–1982)

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### **Court Admissions**

U.S. Supreme Court, 1976

M.D. La., 1973

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