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Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP Opens Michigan Office.

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, a national leader in municipal finance and public law, announced today that it will open a new office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The new office will be the firm's first office in the Midwest region. A new partner, Lisa Hagan, will be resident in the Ann Arbor office. She previously was a senior principal in the Ann Arbor office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.

Howard Zucker, a member of the Hawkins management committee, commented on the new office and the lateral hire: "For many years, Hawkins has enjoyed an active public finance practice in the Midwest. The opportunity to welcome a new lawyer to our firm, and to open an office near so many of our valued clients at the same time, is extraordinarily exciting. For existing Hawkins clients, this represents yet another example of Hawkins' continued commitment to public finance and public projects."

Lisa Hagan received her LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, her J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law, and her B.A. from Michigan State University. Her practice is focused primarily on health care, higher education and housing financings.

Hawkins is of the municipal industry's more storied law firms. Founded in 1854, the firm gained a reputation in the 19th Century for specialized expertise in the area of governmental finance. The firm continues to break new ground for its clients in finance transactions, including public power, transportation, housing, health care, higher education, cultural institutions and public contract representation, including public/private partnerships. Hawkins is perennially rated among the very top bond counsel and underwriters' counsel nationally.

Hawkins has more attorneys (approximately 100) devoted to public finance and public projects than any law firm in the nation. The new Ann Arbor office will be the firm's ninth office, joining New York, Washington D.C., Newark (NJ), Hartford, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and Portland (OR).

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