

Bond Case Briefs

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- **Ed. Note:** We will be off next week, returning 7/28.
- [Franzen v. Downtown Development Authority of Atlanta](#) – Supreme Court of Georgia validates bonds for major downtown redevelopment project in which bonds would be issued to developer and serviced solely by infrastructure fees collected by the city. **Ed. Note II:** This issuance was easily validated despite lengthy, detailed objections, due to the fact that Issuer’s Counsel carefully lined up the relevant interlocking/overlapping constitutional and statutory provisions required for this type of transaction. Thus, this ruling may serve as a useful guide to structuring similar deals.
- [Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association v. Bay Area Toll Authority](#) – Court of Appeal holds that increase in region’s tolls to cross state-owned bridges, which was an increase approved by simple majority of voters at election called pursuant to bill passed by the state legislature, was a charge imposed for entrance to or use of state property, and thus it was not a “tax” as defined by state constitution’s provision on majorities required for tax increases.
- [When More Banks Compete for Municipal Debt, States and Towns Win.](#)
- And finally, Oh, *Expedited* You Say? In That Case... is brought to us this week by [Saylor v. State](#), in which the court noted that “Saylor filed 16 separate tort claims.” This led Your Editor down memory lane to the time a girlfriend – clerking for a federal judge – brought home a filing from an inmate with the immortal title, “Expedited Motion to Kiss My Ass.” The source of the urgency remains unclear, but ya’ gotta respect the spirit.