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### **About Bill**

Bill Avila's practice focuses on public finance law, specifically providing legal counsel, negotiating, drafting documents and securing governmental approvals. He has closed approximately 1,000 transactions, totaling more than \$50 billion in aggregate principal amount of municipal bond transactions as bond counsel, underwriters' counsel, issuer's counsel, user's counsel and trustee's counsel for a variety of public infrastructure and improvement projects.

Bill is a frequent speaker at conferences for the State Bar of Texas, National Association of Bond Lawyers, Texas City Attorneys Association, Mexican American School Board Association and *The Bond Buyer*.

#### **Recent Notable Matters**

**Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health System** — bond counsel in connection with \$293.710 million of Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022; \$188.120 million of Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; \$144.685 million of Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020; \$160.680 million of Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; \$204.065 million of Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019; and \$283.565 million of Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018

**Bexar County, Texas** — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$57.730 million Flood Control Tax Refunding Bonds Taxable, Series 2021; \$6.540 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Taxable, Series 2021; \$436.215 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, \$90.185 million Combination Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021; and \$14.940 million Pass-Through Revenue & Limited Tax Bonds (State Highway 211 Project)

**Bexar County, Texas** — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$171.535 million Venue Project Revenue Refunding Bonds (Combined Venue Tax) Taxable, Series 2021 and \$23.510 million Venue Project Revenue Refunding Bonds (Motor Vehicle Rental Tax) Taxable, Series 2021

**EP Cimaron Ventanas PFC** — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$82.665 million Residential Development Senior Lien Rev Bonds, Series 2021A (Las Ventanas & Puerta Villa at Cimarron) and \$5 million Residential Development Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds Series 2021B (Las Ventanas & Puerta Villa at Cimarron)

**Bexar County, Texas** — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$228.510 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020B; \$26.365 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A; \$59.255 million Flood Control Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020

Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, Texas/Alamito Public Facilities Corporation — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$59 million Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Note, Series 2015A (HACEP RAD Conversion Program Phase I Project) and \$65.375 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2015B (HACEP RAD Conversion Program Phase I Project); \$5.22 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Note, Series 2016 (HACEP RAD Conversion Program Phase III-C Project) and \$4 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 (HACEP RAD Conversion Program Phase III-C Project); \$5.2 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Note, Series 2016A (HACEP RAD Conversion Program Phase III-B Project) and \$3.1 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Note, Series 2016B (HACEP RAD Conversion Program Phase III-B Project)

**Bexar County, Texas** — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$75.21 million of Tax-Exempt Venue Project Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds (Combined Venue Tax), Series 2015 and \$78.935 million of Tax-Exempt Venue Project Revenue Refunding Bonds (Combined Venue Tax), Series 2015

**Corpus Christi Independent School District** — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$96.335 million Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016; and \$125 million Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015

**Laredo Community College District** — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$14.4 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016

*City of Sugar Land, Texas* — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$31.71 million Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016

*Maverick County, Texas* — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$18.69 million Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016

**Port Authority of San Antonio** — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$25.42 million Special Project Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2016 (Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund Restructuring and The Boeing Campus Project) and \$10.96 million of Port Authority of San Antonio Variable Rate Subordinate Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2013

Wisconsin Public Finance Authority — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$31.85 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Oak Hollow Apartments Project), Senior Series 2017A; \$8.41 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Oak Hollow Apartments Project), Subordinate Series 2017B; \$10 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Meadow Creek Apartments Project), Senior Series 2017A, \$4 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Meadow Creek Apartments Project), Subordinate Series 2017B; and \$3.775 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Briar Creek Apartments Project), Senior

Series 2017A, and \$1.55 million Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Briar Creek Apartments Project), Subordinate Series 2017B;

*City of Shavano Park, Texas Higher Education Facilities Corporation* — bond counsel to issuer in connection with \$5.2 million of Tax-Exempt Loan Agreement, Series 2015 (The Montessori School of San Antonio Project)

*City of Laredo, Texas* — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$14.175 of International Toll Bridge System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014; \$3.885 million of International Toll Bridge System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2014; and \$17.365 million of Subordinate International Toll Bridge System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

*City of Laredo, Texas* — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$20.545 million of Sports Venue Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

**North East Independent School District** — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$51.495 million of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

**Northside Independent School District** — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$73.545 million of Variable Rate Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2016

**San Antonio Independent School District** — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$100 million of Unlimited Tax School Building Commercial Paper Notes, Series A (2014); and \$307.29 million of Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

*City of San Antonio, Texas* — underwriter's counsel in connection with the 2014 Remarketing of \$471.35 million of Electric and Gas Systems Variable Rate Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A

*City of Floresville, Texas* — underwriter's counsel in connection with the issuance of \$6.565 million of Floresville Electric Light and Power System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015; \$8.935 million of Floresville Electric Light and Power System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2014; and \$2.015 million of Floresville Electric Light and Power System Junior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

# **Publications and Speeches**

"Bridging the Gap in Municipal Borrowing," Lone Star National Bank Seminar, November 2018.

#### **Education**

The National Law Center, George Washington University, J.D. 1981

University of Notre Dame, M.A., Economics 1978

University of Notre Dame, B.A., Economics 1977

## **Noteworthy**

Mexican American Bar Association of San Antonio, Legal Profession Award, 2022

Hispanic Executive Magazine, Lawyers of Distinction, 2022

Harlandale Independent School District, Certificate of Appreciation, 1992, 2000

Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials, Award of Appreciation, 1998

Mexican American School Board Association, Annual Recognition, 1996 - 1997

San Antonio Independent School District, Certificate of Appreciation, 1997

Notre Dame Club of San Antonio, Appreciation for Establishing "Irish Baseball Classic," 1997

St. Philip of Jesus Catholic School, Certificate of Appreciation, 1995

San Antonio Independent School District, Award of Appreciation, 1993

San Antonio City Council, Certificate of Appreciation for Service on the Small Business Advisory Panel, 1992

Marquis, Who's Who In American Law, 1987; 1990 - 1992

Mexican American Bar Association of San Antonio, Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service, 1992

Marquis, Who's Who In The South and Southwest, 1991 - 1992

San Antonio Local Development Corporation, Outstanding Legal Services, 1983 - 1991

City of San Antonio, Texas, Outstanding Service to City Attorney's Office, 1983 - 1988

Marquis, Who's Who In Texas, 1988

Outstanding Young Men of America, Outstanding Young Man of America, 1987

#### **Affiliations**

State Bar of Texas

Bexar County Bar Association

American Bar Association, Business Law; Housing & Community Development Law; Urban Law; State Law; Local Government Law

National Hispanic Bar Association

Mexican American Bar Association of San Antonio (MABA-SA)

Mexican American Bar Association of Texas

Texas City Attorneys Association

National Association of Bond Lawyers, Education Committee

Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials

Texas Association of School Boards

Texas Municipal League

Municipal Advisory Council of Texas

Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas, Board Secretary

Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio

Good Shepherd Network of Catholic Schools

Bexar County Visitors Tax Athletic Facilities Citizens Advisory Committee

Leadership San Antonio, Class 32

University of Notre Dame Undergraduate Admissions Office Recruiting Coordinator, San Antonio Area

Texas Bar Foundation Fellow

Hot Wells Conservancy

Texas Kidney Foundation

#### **Bar Admissions**

Texas