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LOCATED IN

Philadelphia, PA

MEET TOM

"Knowing the law is table stakes. I can achieve my client's objective no matter how challenging the non-legal issues might seem because I effectively collaborate with other team members to ensure the client's success."

— Tom Wyatt

Tom chairs the municipal infrastructure and services practice area. He represents local governments and municipal authorities with infrastructure related matters, such as regulatory compliance, bulk sale and services contract negotiations and water and wastewater system purchases and sales. His prior experience with North America's largest water and wastewater company, as well as his involvement in the sales of the water and sewer systems in numerous Pennsylvania counties gives him an industry-leading familiarity with Act 12, the PA PUC fair market value statute and the implementation orders that governs its use. Tom's close collaboration with municipal solicitor's and significant practical experience as counsel to municipalities relating to a PUC application under Act 12 and relating to the PA DEP make him a trusted advisor in preparing witness testimonies and drafting water and wastewater planning documents. Beyond his municipal infrastructure and services practice, Tom represents individuals and corporations in business and finance, and corporate governance matters.

Growing up in a single parent household, Tom became his deaf mother's voice from the moment he could speak. By the time Tom was 12, he had really honed his skills being his Mom's ears and consigliere. He brings these unique communication skills to his practice. He actively listens to all the issues that his clients are facing without interruption or pre-conceived "solutions." In Tom's view, solving complicated legal issues never just involves the law, but also a team of skilled people. Because of this, Tom enjoys a number of deep relationships with financial advisors, engineers and other professionals that can be deployed as resources for his clients.

In his free time, Tom enjoys spending time with his wife and two young children— at the pool, the park or Friday night movies. He loves watching and talking about Philadelphia sports, particularly the Phillies and Eagles.

EXPERIENCE

In his municipal infrastructure and services practice, Tom been engaged by multiple municipalities to provide legal services in connection with the sale or lease of their sewer and/or water systems. He advises several municipalities in Allegheny, Bucks, Monroe, Luzerne, Montgomery and Chester Counties, including the sale of the East Norriton Township sewer system to a regulated utility.

He regularly represents municipalities as intervenors before the PUC in connection with obtaining PUC approval for system sales and assists municipalities in navigating the sale- related requirements of the PA DEP. He has also negotiated many municipal services agreements and operations and management agreements.

Some of Tom’s notable transactions include:

- Handling the sale of sewer/water systems in Springfield Township, PA to a municipal authority (approx. \$16 million).
- Handling the sale of sewer/water systems in West Vincent Township, PA to a municipal authority (approx. \$5 million).
- Handling the sale of sewer/water systems in the Borough of West Conshohocken, Montgomery County, PA to a municipal authority (approx \$10 million).
- Handling the sale of the sewer systems in the City of McKeesport, PA to a regulated utility (approx. \$158 million).
- Handling the sale of the sewer systems in Limerick Township, PA to a regulated utility (approx. \$75 million).
- Handling the sale of a sewer trunk line in Tredyffrin Township, PA to an unregulated company (approx. \$29 million).

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Obermayer’s Municipal Services Team Closes a Deal On Behalf of Altoona Water Authority

February 11, 2020 by Thomas S. Wyatt, Michael A. Thom

Two Obermayer Partners Included in The Philadelphia Business Journal’s “Top Lawyers on the Move 2019” List

January 10, 2020 by Thomas S. Wyatt, Kellie A. McGowan

Obermayer’s Municipal Services Team Scores a Record Deal in PA History

October 15, 2019 by Thomas S. Wyatt, David A. Nasatir

Obermayer Attorneys Tom Wyatt and Michael Thom Presenting PSATS CLE “Is Selling Your Water/Wastewater Systems Right For Your Township”

August 23, 2019 by Thomas S. Wyatt, Michael A. Thom

From The Philadelphia Business Journal: Former Philadelphia City Council candidate switches law firms

July 25, 2019 by Thomas S. Wyatt, Nathan D. Fox, Kellie A. McGowan, W. Patrick Scott, David A. Nasatir

From The Legal Intelligencer: Obermayer Extends Hiring Spree, Adds Municipal Services Niche

July 25, 2019 by Thomas S. Wyatt, Nathan D. Fox, Kellie A. McGowan, W. Patrick Scott, Matthew S. Olesh, David A. Nasatir

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

In 2014, NJBIZ recognized Tom as General Counsel of the Year, Corporate Compliance Professional. The same year, the South Philly Review named him the “Difference Maker.”

EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), JD
Colorado State University, BA

ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

CAPABILITIES

Business & Finance

Banking
Corporate
Mergers & Acquisitions
Municipal Services
Public Finance
Real Estate
Zoning & Land Use

Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits

Industry Focus

Individuals & Private Clients
International Businesses
Local Governments & Municipal Authorities
Nonprofit Organizations
Universities & Secondary Schools

Labor & Employment

Employment Litigation
Employment-Related Agreements