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Mr. Hill has been a public finance professional since 1989 and is a founding partner of NHA Advisors, LLC. His clients include California cities, special districts, former redevelopment agencies, and counties throughout the State. In addition to providing traditional financial advisory expertise on public finance, Mr. Hill's expertise includes advising public agencies on policies, financial planning, and capital project funding strategies. His understanding of local government and the operational components (public safety, water, sewer, marinas, airports, golf courses and other enterprise funds) provides a professional basis to assist public agencies in developing sound financial planning practices.

Mr. Hill's technical experience includes managing the issuance of water, sewer, solid waste and other revenue bonds, general obligation bonds, certificates of participation, lease revenue bonds, tax and revenue anticipation notes, land-secured special tax and assessment bonds, bond anticipation notes and tax allocation bond. Mr. Hill has extensive experience in financing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects including power purchase agreements, solar arrays, storage, and distribution.

Prior to founding NHA Advisors, Mr. Hill began his public finance career as a financial analyst for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). In addition to working for the SMUD, Mr. Hill worked for the State of California (Office of Energy Assessments). Since moving over to the private sector in 1989, Mr. Hill has worked for one of the premier bond counsel firms in the State as well as beginning his financial advisory career with a northern California firm before forming Project Finance Associates with Mark Northcross in 1996.



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John F. Stanley focuses his practice on the tax aspects of public finance, helping state and local governments and other qualifying entities borrow money on a tax-exempt basis.

In his municipal finance practice, Mr. Stanley has served as bond counsel, special tax counsel and underwriter's counsel for a variety of transactions, including particularly governmental, airport, and public power financings. Mr. Stanley has



represented issuers and borrowers before the Internal Revenue Service in connection with audits, private letter rulings, and requests pursuant to the voluntary closing agreement program (VCAP).

Mr. Stanley has worked with issuers to establish post-issuance compliance programs tailored to their specific financings, and has significant experience with tax-exempt commercial paper programs for both governmental and exempt facilities. Mr. Stanley is a regular speaker at various conferences focused on public finance and tax, including conferences organized by the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the American Bar Association Tax Section, and the California Bond Buyer Conference. Mr. Stanley is serving as Chair of the National Association of Bond Lawyers' "The Institute" conference in 2024.



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Simon Wirecki joined Jefferies as western regional head for municipal finance in 2018. Mr. Wirecki has over 15 years of public finance experience and previously served as a senior banker at Bank of America and Goldman Sachs. Over the course of his career, Mr. Wirecki has lead-managed over \$45 billion in financings for issuers across California, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Nevada and Washington. His experience includes assisting clients in executing a range of financing products and structures – fixed rate bonds, floating rate notes, variable rate demand structures, securitizations, and capital appreciation bonds. Mr. Wirecki has also led the execution of a numerous tender offers for issuers in California and Colorado.

Mr. Wirecki has worked across a wide variety of sectors and his clients have included numerous large state and local governments, higher education institutions, housing issuers, public utilities, 501(c)3 organizations, and securitization SPVs.

