

# Public Finance Attorney Joins Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton in Louisiana

Louisiana public finance attorney Donald Cunningham Jr. has joined **Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP**, as of counsel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Also, transactions attorney Kara Hargrove joins the Dallas office.

In a release, the firm said the addition of Cunningham in Louisiana represents Shackelford's second office outside of Texas. The business and entertainment law firm currently has offices in Dallas, Houston, Frisco, Fort Worth, and Austin, Texas, as well as Nashville, Tennessee.

Cunningham represents tax credit developers in the acquisition, construction and renovation of affordable housing projects and assists with bond, construction loan, soft loan and equity documentation. He has experience working with DUS (Delegated Underwriting and Servicing) lenders and syndicators and LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credit) lenders.

He has served as special bond counsel with public authority boards including the Louisiana Housing Corporation, Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Community Development Authority, and the Florida School Boards Association.

Cunningham also represents private and public entities in mergers and acquisitions, investigations, and due diligence matters. He joins the firm from Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassell LLP. He previously practiced at Jones Walker LLP.

Hargrove's transactions practice focuses on the affordable housing tax credit industry, working with developers, non-

profits and housing agencies. Her practice includes entity creation, conversion of existing entities, financing and M&A work. She assists clients in debt and equity finance agreements, shareholder agreements, non-compete and non-disclosures and employment agreements. She joins the firm as an associate from Clayton, McKay & Bailey, PC.