



## Practice Areas

- Banking & Finance
- Public Finance
- Corporate
- Renewable Energy

## Education

- Syracuse University  
College of Law,  
J.D., *magna cum laude*,  
1975
- State University of New  
York at Brockport,  
B.S., *summa cum laude*,  
1972

## Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of New  
York
- U.S. District Court for the  
Western District of New  
York

# Richard W. Cook

## PARTNER

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Richard W. Cook is the Leader of the Banking & Finance Practice and a partner in the Corporate Practice. He was Managing Partner of the Firm from 2004-2010 and served as a member of its Executive Committee from 1987-2010.

Mr. Cook represents clients in mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions and general corporate matters. He handles a variety of banking transactions, including asset-based lending, syndicated loans, letters of credit and general commercial matters. He is listed as approved bond counsel in *The Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace* (also known as "The Red Book") and has represented issuers and credit parties for manufacturing, civic facility and health care facility bonds. Mr. Cook also represents municipalities issuing general obligation and revenue bonds.

## Representative Matters

- Counsel to Shareholders of regional environmental remediation company in sale to a private equity group.
- Represented a local financial services holding company in a sale to a national financial services provider.
- Represented a specialty aircraft parts manufacturer in a sale to an international aeronautics conglomerate.
- Represented a regional electrical parts distribution company in the sale to a major international electrical and industrial distributor.
- Counsel to a shareholder group in the sale of an aviation fuel company to a transportation conglomerate.
- Counsel to a lender for a hospital expansion project valued at \$200 million.
- Transaction counsel for a shareholder group in a sale of a food processing business to a major international conglomerate.
- Lead counsel to a shareholder group in a sale of a major regional insurance agency to a national publicly held insurance brokerage firm.
- Represented lenders in numerous syndicated loan transactions and asset-based financing transactions.
- Lead counsel for a project finance team for a \$150 million ethanol plant.

## Professional Credentials

- Advisory Council Member, M&T Bank
- Board Member and Counsel, CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity
- Board Member and Membership Chairman, Onondaga Golf and Country Club
- Member, MedTech
- Member, New York Bankers Association
- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Member, New York State Economic Development Council
- Member, New York State Business Council
- Member, YMCA of Greater Syracuse
- Member, Onondaga County Bar Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Business Law Section
- Board Member, Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse

### **Honors & Recognitions**

- Rated, AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2008-2032)
- Selected, Litigation – Banking & Finance, “Lawyer of the Year” in Syracuse, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2014, 2023)
- Selected, New York – Upstate, *Super Lawyers*
- Approved Bond Counsel, *The Bond Buyers Municipal Marketplace (The Red Book)*

### **Press & Publications**

#### **News**

- 20 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America 2023
- 17 Hancock Estabrook Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers In America 2020

#### **Publications**

- Hancock Estabrook Higher Education Law Alert – START-UP NY Designed to Encourage New Businesses in the State Using Certain Tax Incentives