Elections: Do's and Don'ts

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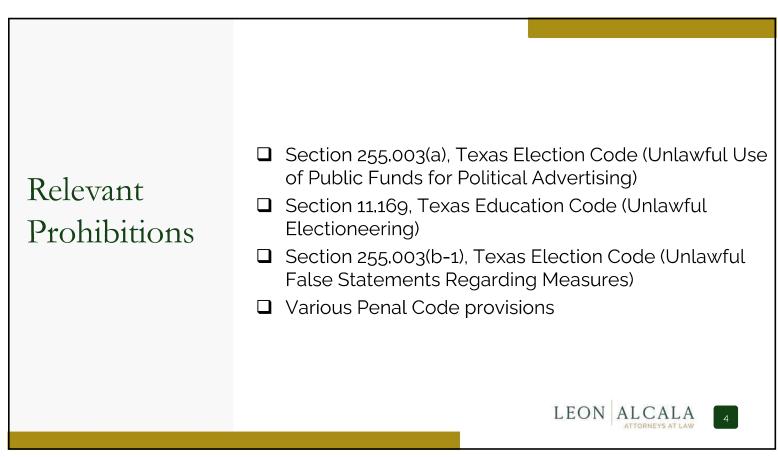
- J.D., University of Michigan, 2010
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2007

Experience

- Bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel on over 180 transactions totaling over \$20 billion in principal amount.
- Practice focuses on serving as bond counsel for Texas school districts.
- During 2023: 30 bond transactions, 20 bond elections and 5 VATREs



Overview	 Conundrum: Elections are extremely important to school districts, as well as their constituents. Districts usually have a lot to say about elections. However, various statutes limit school districts' communications with voters regarding elections. District's role as provider of information: School districts are not prevented from communicating regarding elections. Districts should strive to inform voters about what is at stake.
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