

## Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan appoints

### James W. Bickley, Executive Director

*Bickley brings extensive expertise in both the private and public sector and will direct office operations and outreach in the municipal finance community.*

**Detroit, MI — October 28, 2011** — The Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan (MAC), the information and service organization for businesses involved in the municipal bond industry, today announced that Jim Bickley has joined the organization, as its new executive director, effective January 1, 2012. Bickley is recognized as an expert in both the public and private sectors and will be responsible for the management of daily activities associated with the business of tracking and dissemination of data on all municipal bond debt issued within the state of Michigan for the MAC. Bickley brings with him years of experience and expertise in the banking industry including underwriting, trading, and municipal finance, and in his new role he will oversee operations and report to the Board of Directors.

Prior to joining MAC, Bickley held senior positions in both the public and private sector, most recently as deputy treasurer for the Wayne County Office of the Treasurer where he was responsible for all line functions and activities: legal compliance, delinquent tax collections and auction related activities to name a few. Earlier, he worked at JP Morgan Chase, First Chicago-NBD and Bank One, holding positions of increasing responsibility including managing municipality investment portfolios and sales.

MAC's retiring executive director Mike Alandt said, "I am very pleased with the Board's decision to name Jim as the next leader of the MAC. His extensive wealth of knowledge and experience in the Municipal brokerage and dealer business along with the years spent in the county treasurer's office will help the organization service a broader audience."

"I'm very excited to join the MAC and return to an industry that I enjoy, said Bickley. "At this very challenging time in public finance, the MAC position will allow me to draw on nearly every job responsibility I've held whether in the private or public sector."

Jim Bickley received a MBA and BS in accounting from the University of Detroit. He also attended the University of Colorado, American Bankers Association School of Banking and University of Michigan Graduate School of Finance, Finance Institute.

### **About The Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan**

The Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan is a private non-profit company that was incorporated in 1932 and over the years has maintained files on every Michigan municipal bond and note issue.