



**The Education Committee
of the
National Federation of Municipal Analysts**

**INTRODUCTION TO MUNICIPAL
BOND CREDIT ANALYSIS**

**November 17 & 18, 2022
Sofitel Magnificent Mile
Chicago, Illinois**

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 17

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| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. | Registration & Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00 – 8:05 a.m. | Introduction & Overview – Carol Spain, Charles Schwab, Course Chair |
| 8:05 – 9:05 a.m. | Bringing a Bond to Market
Moderator: Beth Coolidge, UBS
Panelists: Paul Chatalas, State of Illinois and Matt Miller, Ice Miller |
| 9:05 – 10:00 a.m. | How to Read an Official Statement – Gil Southwell, Allspring Global Investments LLC |
| 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. | Break |
| 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. | Tax-Backed Debt – Rachel Cortez, Moody’s Investors Service |
| 11:15 a.m. – Noon | Water & Sewer – Ted Chapman, Hilltop Securities |
| Noon – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. | Public Power – Bhala Mehendale, US Bank |
| 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. | Transportation & P3s – Renee Dougherty, Charles Schwab Investment Management |
| 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. | Higher Education – Emily Wadhvani, Fitch Ratings |
| 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. | Healthcare – Allison Bretz, Loomis Sayles |
| 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Reception |
- Free Evening**

Friday, November 18

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Impact of Ratings & Credit on Pricing** – Pat Maher, Nuveen
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Defaults, Distressed Credits & Chapter 9** – Victor Medeiros, S&P Global Ratings
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Housing, Community & Social Development Lending** – Nicholas Vakirtzidelis, Barclays
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **ESG & Municipals** – Barbara VanScoy, Heron Foundation
- 12:15 – 12:20 p.m. **Closing Remarks** – Eric Kim, Fitch Ratings, Course Co-Chair
- 12:20 PM **Seminar Adjourns**

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EDUCATION CHAIR:

John Ceffalio, CreditSights

COURSE CHAIRS:

Carol Spain, Charles Schwab
Eric Kim, Fitch Ratings

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