

I'm Brian McCabe, a proud Island resident going on 3 years now. I live on Hawksnest Bay in the A-Frame which is pretty cool. I'm a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law (class of '76) and have practiced for over 40 years. After graduation, I joined a major Wall Street firm in New York. I had the constant travel and the 80+ hour weeks. I got many southern clients because I could go to Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, Texas and other southern locations and say y'all. After the successful financing and construction of a new not-for-profit hospital in Santa Fe, I joined a Santa Fe law firm. While there, I represented the State of New Mexico and many of the State's cities, counties, and school districts. After 5 years, Texas beckoned and I went back to Austin where I was a partner in several major Texas law firms. I am currently Of Counsel to a large Dallas Firm and work about 20 hours a week in my shorts, T-shirt, and flip-flops. I discovered that I could have done this years ago. My clients don't care where I am as long as I respond to emails, draft documents, take part in calls, and get things done.

My experience has been in representing school districts, cities, counties and special districts (including many Section 501 corporations) in their projects. I'm not a courtroom lawyer or a litigator. My work has been in transactions – financing, structuring, and advocating the interests of my clients. I have done this before the various governing bodies to make their goals a reality. I have worked with the legislature in drafting and explaining various statutes and regulations. I have worked with communities to ensure their goals were addressed. I am proud of the many hospitals, public schools, housing, assisted care facilities, roads, sewers and water systems that I had part of making happen. I'm helpless with tools and home improvements but receive great satisfaction driving down a new road or seeing a new school, hospital or other public improvement that I was a part of. My job is getting things done.

With my 40+ years as a public law attorney I can bring my experience and knowledge of the law and tax code to benefit and add value to the PIPOA. In particular, my experience will assist the current Board in following the law, providing the core activities of the PIPOA, helping solve past problems, and moving ahead. I have made many friends on the Island and am proud to know and be friends with all the current Board members and most of the candidates for this position. I know there has been controversy and dissension within the PIPOA Board and members and I believe I could help mend some of those rifts. My job during my entire professional career has been making things happen – knowing the law and assisting in the intricacies of achieving its goals and providing much needed projects. The financing and construction teams I work with often have diverse and conflicting goals but I have been successful in negotiating and bringing them together to a successful conclusion. I know and admire the fact that the Board is devoting tremendous time and effort to make the PIPOA better and serve our community but there is always room for improvement. I will be honored to be a part of that.