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Steve works with clients on real estate and general business transactions. His clients range from real estate companies, REITs and large banks and other financial institutions, to distribution companies and restaurant enterprises. He also advises clients on long-range strategic planning, financial structures and operating policies.

Earlier in his career, Steve spent six years as the in-house general counsel for a large real estate company where he was responsible for the company's legal needs and long-term growth and management strategies. That dual role gave him a solid and practical framework for balancing the ramifications of legal decisions with other aspects of business operations. This experience is the basis for the legal and business advice he offers his clients today.

Steve speaks at various legal and philanthropic events around the Chicago area. He has authored two publications of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education: *Annexations* and *Annexation Agreements, and Fire Protection Districts*.

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law
J.D., 1980, With Honors

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
B.A., 1977

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Professional Organizations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association, Real Property Law Committee
- Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association

Community

Steve serves on the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund and is active with the board of Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE). He has also served on the executive board of the American Youth Soccer Organization, and is a former commissioner and past president of the Glencoe Park District.

Accolades

- Leading Lawyers Network, Real Estate Law: Commercial and Real Estate Law: Finance, 2003-2019
- Illinois Super Lawyers, 2005-2015
- *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, AV Preeminent®
- David T. Brown Community Service Award, 2015

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Services

Real Estate Law

Areas of Focus

Real Estate Purchases & Sales

Condominium Development & Conversions

Commercial Real Estate Leasing

Real Estate Finance

Real Estate Development