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Steve is an accomplished transactional attorney with over 35 years of experience. His corporate practice encompasses mergers and acquisitions; private offerings of debt and equity; private equity and venture capital financing; and other business and financial transactions for a wide range of clients such as public companies, privately businesses, entrepreneurs and emerging companies. Steve's mergers and acquisitions practice encompasses stock and asset acquisitions and divestitures, management and leveraged buyouts, and strategic joint ventures. He also serves as outside general counsel to a variety of firm clients.

As a tax lawyer, Steve counsels clients with respect to tax considerations that arise in connection with mergers and acquisitions, compensation and benefit planning, structuring and forming partnerships and limited liability companies, and entity selections.

Steve serves as the firm's COO/CFO and General Counsel, and is a past member of the Management Committee and former chair of the Business & Finance practice.

Steve is the author of "Partnerships—Taxable Income in Distributive Shares," published in BNA's *Tax Management Portfolio 282-2d*, and "Five Tax-Wise Techniques for Gifts to Charities," published in the journal *Practical Accountant*. Steve is a contributing author for *Litigators' Tax Guide*, published by Wiley Law Publications.

Education

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
J.D., 1977

University of Illinois
B.S., 1974, Highest Honors, Bronze Tablet

Certified Public Accountant

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. Tax Court

Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association, Federal Taxation and Business Law Sections
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association, Federal Taxation and Business Law Sections

Community

Steve has been a member of the Board of Education for District 109 in Deerfield, Illinois for more than 12 years and now serves as president of the School Board for Deerfield, Illinois District 109. Steve has been a member of its finance, negotiation, policy and facilities development committees of the School Board, and served on special committees for Deerfield School District 109 and District 102 in Buffalo Grove. He also participates in fund-raising activities for numerous local and national organizations.

Accolades

- Leading Lawyers Network, Tax Law: Business, 2003-2022
- Illinois Super Lawyers, 2005-2007

Leading Lawyers

Services

Business & Finance

Areas of Focus

Add-On Acquisitions
Corporate Governance & Compliance
Business Law & Structuring
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity
Securities & Corporate Finance
Real Estate Private Placements
Tax Law & Planning
Commercial Finance
Cannabis Law
Opportunity Zones and Qualified Opportunity Funds