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Steve focuses on private mergers and acquisitions, private equity, venture capital and emerging companies, and general corporate counseling.



Industries

Sports
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Beverage & Food

Practices

Corporate & Securities
— Business Counseling
— Joint Ventures, Strategic Alliances & Commercial Distribution
— Mergers & Acquisitions
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American University, Washington College of Law, JD, Magna Cum Laude

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Steve began his career at the pivotal moment when the private equity and venture capital asset classes were becoming institutionalized. That formative experience established the foundation for Steve's nearly 30 years of experience serving as a trusted counselor and strategic advisor to private companies, private equity funds, venture capital funds, corporate venture teams, and management teams.

Steve's experience spans a variety of industries, with an emphasis across consumer-related sectors, including sports, media and entertainment, food packaging, restaurants, discount grocery chains, insurance, and specialty chemicals companies that help create the everyday products consumers use.

Steve serves as outside general counsel to a major US sports league, advising the league in connection with expansion plans, team sales, stadium financings, and other team- and owner-related matters. This role has positioned him at the forefront of the rapidly evolving intersection of private equity and professional sports.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

- Panelist, "League Expansion: Legal and Business Fundamentals," Lights, Camera, ATL: ESI Fall Conference, American Bar Association (ABA), October 8, 2026
- Panelist, "Team Sales / Sports M&A," Fordham Sports Law 27th Annual Symposium, March 8, 2024
- Co-author, "ESG Comparative Guide - United States," Mondaq, September 21, 2022
- Panelist, "Private Equity M&A Key Deal Terms in a Changing Market," Stafford CLE Webinar, September 20, 2022
- Moderator, "Mezzanine Lenders: Navigating an Insolvent Borrower," co-presented by Endicott Peabody IV (Kit), Stephen P. Hanson and Patrick M. Birney, as part of the Small Business Investor Alliance's (SBIA) Lunch & Learn Webinar Series, November 4, 2020

Life Beyond the Law

A native of Minneapolis, Steve currently lives with his daughter in New York City. He enjoys skiing, running, golfing, and travel.

Bar Admissions

New York