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Steve is recognized for providing integrated and holistic counseling to private equity firms, entrepreneurial businesses, and family offices. He has experience advising private companies across a range of industries on complex transactions and governance issues.

Steve represents private equity firms, entrepreneurial businesses, family offices, and wealthy families in a wide range of transactions with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions. He also acts as outside general counsel to a number of private companies where he advises on governance and complex commercial transactions. His experience extends across a large variety of industries, including packaging, software, distribution, finance, digital media, retail, aerospace, and consumer products. Steve also counsels wealthy families in a wide range of matters, including investments, estate planning, tax strategies, and real estate matters, providing integrated and holistic advice on matters that address their specific needs.

Steve previously served as President of Ridgestone Corporation, a private investment company, where he sourced, structured, and monitored private equity and real estate investments. He was also responsible for asset allocation, manager selection, and performance reviews of Ridgestone's passive investments.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Represented a private equity firm in the acquisition of a medical device business.
- Represented a private equity firm in a “carve out” acquisition of a division from a large packaging company; subsequently represented the business in an add-on acquisition of another packaging business.
- Represented a private company in a leveraged dividend recapitalization.
- Represented a private equity firm in the leveraged acquisition of a national nursery business.
- Represented a private equity firm in the acquisition and recapitalization of an online advertising business.
- Represented a private equity portfolio company in the health care industry on its sale to a public company.
- Represented a private equity firm in the acquisition from the lenders of the assets of a distressed consumer products business structured as a UCC Article 9 foreclosure sale.
- Represented a private equity firm in the leveraged acquisition of a national paint and sundries business in a sale under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- Represented a wealthy individual in a complex estate planning transaction involving the use of life insurance.
- Represented the majority owners of a women’s apparel company in its sale to a private equity fund.
- Represented the owners of a media storage company in a sale transaction.
- Represented the owners of real estate in multiple financing transactions.

Recent Experience

American States Water Co. \$200M At-The-Market Offering

Winston Represented Interlock Equity in Investment in evolv Consulting

Crowe LLP’s Carveout Sale of its Health Care Consulting Business

LAACO, Ltd.’s Sale to CubeSmart

Blockfusion USA and Bit Digital Enter into a Mining Services Agreement

Terold Acquisition of Majority Stake in WX Brands

National Auto Parts Warehouse’s Acquisition of Engine & Performance Warehouse

National Auto Parts Warehouse Acquires All Products Automotive Inc.

National Auto Parts Warehouse Acquires Northwest Region Locations From AutoPlus

Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, listed for Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2022–2024
 - *The Legal 500 U.S.*, M&A/Corporate and Commercial - M&A - Middle Market (sub-\$500) 2016–2017
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Activities

Steve has served on the boards of both public and private companies and regularly speaks on topics related to hedge funds, private equity, venture capital, and private family offices. He is currently serving on the board and as the treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee for the Beach Club.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Steve received his B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles. He earned his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

ADMISSIONS

- California

Related Insights & News

Publications

- Co-author, Representations and Warranties Insurance: An Innovative Solution, *Westlaw Journal Corporate Officers & Directors Liability and Westlaw Journal Delaware Corporate* (December 2, 2013)

Speaking Engagements

- Maximizing the Value of Your Privately Held Business, Los Angeles, California (September 28, 2017)
- Moderator, Private Equity Perspectives on the Current Market, Beverly Hills, California (February 20, 2014)
- Moderator, Private Equity Perspectives on the Current Market, Beverly Hills, California (May 15, 2013)

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

SEMINAR/CLE

Winston Transactions Chair Leads Discussion on State of the Market for Private Equity

JUNE 7, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2023

AUGUST 18, 2022

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AUGUST 19, 2021

ARTICLE

COVID-19 Hotel M&A Contract Case Offers Drafting Takeaways

APRIL 1, 2021

WEBINAR

Implications of Certain Provisions of the Federal Stimulus Package to Private Equity Funds and their Portfolio Companies

APRIL 1, 2020

IN THE MEDIA

Steve Antion Discusses Family Law Tax Blunders with *Bloomberg*

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Winston Sponsors and Steve Antion Speaks at USC Gould School of Law's ICC 2018

DECEMBER 5, 2018

PRESS RELEASE

Winston Strengthens West Coast Private Equity Practice With Addition of Two Partners

MAY 14, 2018

Capabilities

Transactions

Corporate Governance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Public Companies

Health Care

Technology, Media & Telecommunications