

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

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LOS ANGELES – Winston & Strawn LLP is pleased to announce the addition of corporate attorneys Stephen Antion and Daniel Peters as partners in Los Angeles, adding depth to the firm's West Coast private equity and M&A practices. They join Winston from Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, where Steve was head of that firm's Los Angeles corporate practice.

"A key element of the firm's growth strategy is enhancing the breadth and depth of our national private equity practice," said Tom Fitzgerald, Winston's chairman. "Steve and Dan's practice and client base align perfectly with our plan."

"I'm thrilled to welcome Steve and Dan to our West Coast team," said Los Angeles Managing Partner Eric Sagerman. "They will be a great addition to our transactional roster in Los Angeles, which will now number over 30 attorneys in diversified areas such as mergers and acquisitions, private equity, general corporate, commercial and project finance, securitized and esoteric assets, restructuring and insolvency, and tax."

Co-chair of Winston's Private Equity Practice Eva Davis added, "Steve and Dan are well-known, highly respected dealmakers, and their presence will augment the firm's ability to advise financial sponsors and corporate clients on a wide range of transactions. As an added bonus, Steve's 10 years of experience at a private investment firm means he is able to serve as a key business advisor to our private equity clients, while also providing astute legal advice."

With extensive experience both in private practice and as the president of a private investment company (Ridgestone Corporation, 2000-2010), Steve represents private equity firms, entrepreneurial businesses, and family offices in a wide range of transactions, with an emphasis on M&A, corporate finance, and securities law. Serving as outside general counsel to a number of private companies, Steve also advises on governance, executive compensation, and commercial transactions. His clients encompass a broad array of industries, including packaging, software, distribution, finance, digital media, retail, aerospace, and consumer products. He also has experience advising on distressed acquisitions and related matters.

Dan represents corporate and private equity clients in domestic and cross-border transactions across a variety of industries, concentrating on M&A, joint ventures, strategic alliances, and investments. He has substantial experience advising both strategic investors and issuers in venture capital. Dan also counsels public and private companies on

the legal and strategic aspects of their business operations, including corporate governance and compliance matters, guiding emerging businesses throughout all stages of growth.

“We’re excited about the opportunity to leverage Winston’s national middle-market private equity and M&A platform to support our clients and expand our relationships,” said Steve. “Winston’s commitment to growing its corporate practice combined with its exceptional resources in litigation, tax, employee benefits, finance, and real estate make it a natural fit for our practice.”

This West Coast expansion to the firm’s Transactions Department follows the early 2018 arrival of a group of nine leading private equity partners from Jenner & Block LLP in New York and Chicago.

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