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Routinely honored as one of the country's top lawyers in M&A and private equity work, Steven advises clients on the full range of corporate finance transactions, counseling boards of directors and other key leaders on matters of governance, oversight and structure.

Steve advises clients in a wide variety of corporate finance and merger and acquisition transactions, and regularly counsels boards of directors and special committees of both public and private companies on corporate governance and oversight issues.

Steve's clients include Loews, Inc.; SPX Flow, Inc.; Morningstar, Inc.; Nuveen Investments, Inc.; Groupon, Inc.; Skillz Inc.; Fathom Digital Manufacturing Corporation; Echo Global Logistics, Inc.; The Vistria Group; Water Street Healthcare Partners and CORE Industrial Partners.

Recent Experience

Winston Represented Sertifi Inc. in its Sale to Flywire Corporation

Winston Represents KeHE Distributors, LLC in a \$250.0 Million Senior Secured Notes Tack-On Offering

Winston Represented Chartis in a Majority Investment from Blackstone

Winston Represents KeHE Distributors, LLC in a \$750.0 Million Senior Secured Notes Offering

Groupon, Inc. \$80.0 Million Fully Backstopped Rights Offering for Common Stock

KeHE Distributors' Acquisition of DPI Specialty Foods

Echo Global Logistics, Inc. Announces Acquisition by The Jordan Company, L.P.

RLH Equity Partners and the Equityholders of ClearView Healthcare Partners Sale to GHO Capital Partners

Healthwell Acquisition Corp. I Announces Closing of US\$250M IPO

Fathom Digital Manufacturing Corp. Business Combination with Altimar Acquisition Corp. II

Recognitions

Steve was ranked by *Chambers USA* in Corporate/M&A from 2014–2024. He has been recognized since 2006 by *The Best Lawyers in America*® where he was also named “Lawyer of the Year” in 2020 and 2025 in the areas of Mergers & Acquisitions and Securities/Capital Markets Law in Chicago. Steve has been listed in *The Legal 500 US* as a top attorney in Mergers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts since 2009 and was recognized as a “Key Lawyer” from 2023–2024. He was also named to *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Dealmakers in America from 2020–2025 and to the 2021 *Lawdragon 500: The Legends*.

Activities

Steve served as the chair of Winston & Strawn's Corporate & Finance Department from 2006 to 2012. Steve is a former Chairman of the Board of Link Unlimited and currently serves as Chairman of the Nominating & Governance Committee of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Steve received a B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Yale College in 1982, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1985.

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Related Insights & News

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Winston Partners Recognized on the 2025 *Lawdragon 500* Leading Dealmakers in America List

OCTOBER 22, 2024

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2024

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2024

JUNE 6, 2024

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Winston Partners Recognized on the 2024 *Lawdragon 500* Leading Dealmakers in America

OCTOBER 20, 2023

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

AUGUST 17, 2023

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

AUGUST 18, 2022

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2022

JUNE 3, 2022

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Winston Partners Recognized on the 2022 *Lawdragon 500* Leading Dealmakers in America

MAY 6, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2022

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