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Steve's extensive experience in public finance, highlighted by handling multibillion-dollar bond transactions for entities such as the North Texas Tollway Authority, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, and Texas Public Finance Authority, makes him a trusted advisor in complex public finance, corporate, and securities matters.

OVERVIEW

Steve acts as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, and underwriters' counsel on their key public finance matters. In his corporate and securities practice, he advises clients in the merger and acquisition of publicly traded and privately held companies, private equity transactions, and nonprofit representations.

Steve is active in several community, civic, and charitable activities. He served as a trustee of the Dallas Bar Foundation and chair of the Business Law Section, and has held leadership positions or served on the boards of the Dallas Bar Association, The Entrepreneurship Institute of Dallas, First Tee, Harmony Community Development Corporation, J.L. Turner Legal Association, and the State Bar of Texas.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Served as bond counsel and disclosure counsel for the North Texas Tollway Authority in connection with the $1.12 billion refunding transaction of First Tier and Second Tier, Series 2024 Bonds, which included a tender offer; $439,795,000 First Tier Bonds, Series 2023A and $137,440,000 Second Tier Bonds, Series 2023B; $402.1 million First Tier Taxable Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A; and $446 million Second Tier Taxable Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B.
- Served as underwriters' counsel to the Texas Transportation Commission in connection with the issuance of $840,260,000 General Obligation Mobility Fund Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 that included a tender offer.
- Served as underwriters' counsel to the Texas Public Finance Authority in connection with the issuance of $249.8 million General Obligation and Refunding Bonds Taxable, Series 2021A; $582.3 million General Obligation and Refunding Bonds Taxable, Series 2021B; and $472.4 million General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020.
- Served as disclosure counsel to the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport in connection with $206.3 million Joint Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (Non-AMT); $299.3 million Joint Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B (Non-AMT); $706.2 Joint Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021C; $1.1 billion Joint Revenue Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020C; $459.5 million Joint Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020B (Non-AMT); and $391.7 million Joint Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A.

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AWARDS

- *Chambers USA*: Banking & Public Financing (2024-2026)
- *Texas Lawyer*, Diversity and Inclusion Champion (2022)
- *Texas Lawyer*, Texas Trailblazer (2020)
- Attorney of the Year, Texas Southern National Alumni Association Dallas Chapter: (2016)
- *Super Lawyers*®: Texas Rising Star (2005–2009, 2011–2013)
- Recipient, Presidential Citation, J.L. Turner Legal Association
- Recipient, Presidential Citation, State Bar of Texas
- Fellow, State Bar of Texas Foundation
- Fellow, Dallas Bar Association Foundation
- Fellow, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bond Counsel
- Public Finance

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Artificial Intelligence
- Bond Counsel
- Corporate
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Public Finance
- Transportation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, State Bar of Texas
  - Presidential candidate (2012)
  - Board of directors, section representative (2007–2010)
  - African American Lawyers Section chair (2008–2009)
- Member, Dallas Bar Foundation
  - Trustee (2016–2018)
  - Chair, Business Law Section (2017–2018)
  - Council (2016–2018)
  - Secretary-treasurer (2003–2004)
- Member, J.L. Turner Legal Association
  - Foundation chair (2016; 2020)
  - President (2008)
- Director, Dallas Bar Association (2008)
- The Entrepreneur Institute of Dallas (2007)
- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Member, Dartmouth Entrepreneur Network

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    - Texas lead (2015)
- Member, Dallas Urban Debate Alliance
    - Director (2015-2019)
- Member, Harmony Community Development Corporation
    - Board of directors (2015-2017)
- Member, First Tee, Dallas (2006-2010)
- Adjunct professor, Baylor Law School (2016-present)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2000
- Dartmouth College, A.B., 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Allyship for All: Together We Rise," Dallas Bar Association's Allyship for All Series, April 17, 2025.