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Steve Drapekin guides clients through complex corporate, finance, and real estate transactions with precision and practical insight.

Steve focuses his practice on corporate, commercial finance, and real estate transactions. His diverse corporate work includes representing middle-market companies in mergers and acquisitions and general corporate matters, as well as advising multinational corporations on strategic acquisitions, divestitures, and cross-border joint ventures.

In his commercial finance practice, Steve represents national and regional banks, as well as commercial finance companies, in complex transactions such as syndicated leveraged lending, asset-based lending, floorplan financing, multi-currency loan facilities, cross-border deals, and real estate finance. His general corporate clients rely on him for commercial contract negotiations, including distributorship, licensing, and other corporate matters.

A member of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys, Steve's real estate practice is equally wide-ranging, encompassing development projects, tax-incentive transactions, restructurings, and financing. He regularly represents clients across the United States.

Steve holds an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected for inclusion in *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*® (2007–2011, 2013) and *Best Lawyers*® (2009–2026).

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1986)
 - Order of the Coif
- University of Illinois (A.B., *cum laude*, 1983)
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Phi Kappa Phi
 - Dean's List

Services

- Banking & Financial
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate Strategies
- Real Estate
- Lending & Finance
- Opportunity Zones

Legal Background

- Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO (1993-1995)
- Lewis Rice LLC, St. Louis, MO (1991-1993)
- Latham & Watkins, Chicago, IL (1987-1991)
- Law clerk, Hon. Joel M. Flaum, U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit (1986-1987)

Professional Affiliations

- Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys
- American Bar Association: Corporate, Business, and Banking Section; Real Estate and Probate Section
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors, Jewish Family & Children Services, St. Louis, MO (2015-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Independence Center, St. Louis, MO (2005-2012)
- Team leader, YMCA Partner for Youth Campaign (1997-present)
- Board member, B'nai Amoona Congregation (1997-1999)

Publications

August 25, 2020

SBA Issues New PPP Rule on Owner-Employee Compensation and Nonpayroll Costs

June 19, 2020

New Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Applications and Interim Final Rule Issued

June 12, 2020

Remote Notarization in Missouri and Illinois During the COVID-19 Pandemic

June 4, 2020

The Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act Makes Significant Changes to the PPP

May 26, 2020

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Review Procedures: What Borrowers and Lenders Need to Know

May 26, 2020

Interim Final Rule on Forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans Issued

May 18, 2020

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application Issued - How Borrowers Ask for Forgiveness

May 14, 2020

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) FAQ Updated with Guidance on Necessity Certification and Eligibility

April 23, 2020

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) FAQ Updated to Address Certification Liability - Applicants and Borrowers Should Beware

April 15, 2020

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Rule: Guidance for Self-Employed Individuals

April 7, 2020

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Frequently Asked Questions Updated to Address Key Issues

April 3, 2020

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Rule Issued: What Lenders Need to Know

April 3, 2020

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Rule Issued: What Borrowers Need to Know

April 1, 2020

Treasury Department Issues Initial Guidance on SBA Paycheck Protection Program

March 26, 2020

The SBA Paycheck Protection Loan Program

March 24, 2020

COVID-19 and the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program

May 2019

We're in the *Endgame* Now: Recommended LIBOR Replacement Language Released

October 2017

A Matter of Opinion

August 2017

Reports of LIBOR's Death Are Not Greatly Exaggerated