



# Steven N. Haas

## Member

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For more than 35 years, Steven has represented clients in a variety of business segments and industries in acquisitions, mergers, and corporate finance transactions. He represents both established and emerging companies in expansion and financing strategies, technology and bio-technology licensing, corporate governance issues, succession planning, and related shareholder matters. He brings his wealth of experience, creativity, and practicality to help navigate clients through the myriad issues associated with these types of transactions. Steven formerly served as vice chair and co-chair of the firm's Corporate Practice.

In addition to his corporate practice, Steven has been advising clients for more than 15 years in business aviation matters, representing domestic and international individuals, companies, and governmental agencies in purchasing, selling, leasing, and financing business aircraft from manufacturers, prior owners, and operators. He assists clients in negotiating and structuring aircraft ownership, charter, management, and leasing arrangements under Parts 91 and 135 of the Federal Aviation Regulations and applicable Department of Transportation rules and regulations.

Steven also represents automotive dealers in the purchase and sale of domestic and foreign manufacturer automotive dealerships and in obtaining manufacturer approvals and floor plan and other associated financing arrangements.

Steven served for more than 10 years, until 2022, on the executive committee and board of trustees of Settlement Music School, the largest community based arts and music school in the nation, and was the recipient of its Founders Award in 2015. Steven also served for more than 10 years on the board of the Arts and Business Council of Greater Philadelphia, including as its chair from 2012-2015; on the board of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce from 2012-2015; and on the board of Temple Adath Israel in Merion, Pa., from 2015-2019. He also served as a child advocate for the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Bar Association Child Advocacy Project.

Steven graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979 and he received his law degree, *cum laude*, from Temple University School of Law, where he was an editor of *Temple Law Review*.

## Experience

### *Mergers & Acquisitions*

- Represented Cooper University Health Care in its acquisition of Cape Regional Health System and its affiliates.
- Represented Applied StemCell, Inc., a contract research organization (CRO)/contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) specializing in cell and gene therapy, in its merger with NovaQuest, a private equity fund managed by QHP Capital, L.P.
- Represented Rosemont Investment Group, LLC, a permanent capital investor in asset and wealth management firms, in its acquisition of a minority equity interest in 1607 Capital Partners, LLC, a boutique investment management firm, specializing in closed-end funds, with approximately \$3.7

### Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Emerging Business & Venture Capital
- Private Equity

### Education

- Temple University—James E. Beasley School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1983
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., *cum laude*, 1979

### Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

### Affiliations

- Montgomery Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

### Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers in America, 2025
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers 2008-2009

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billion under management.

- Represented Rosemont Investment Group, LLC in the redemption of its minority interest in Foundry Partners LLC, an institutional asset management boutique, and in its acquisition of a minority stake in an ESG-directed investment advisory firm.
- Represented ClickSWITCH, LLC, a provider of a digital account switching SaaS solution for financial institutions and challenger banks, in its sale-by-merger to Q2 Holdings, Inc., a cloud-based banking and lending software company.
- Represented the founder/CEO, as a minority owner, and the management team of the popular streetwear brand Supreme in its acquisition by VF Corporation in a transaction valued at \$2.1 billion, subject to customary adjustments for cash, indebtedness, working capital, and transaction expenses.
- Represented Gelest, Inc., a chemical company based in Morrisville, Pa., in its sale to New Mountain Capital.
- Represented American Expediting, a leading same-day ground courier specializing in expedited transportation and logistics services, in its sale to AEA Investors.
- Represented Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies, a leading insurance, risk management and employment benefits brokerage and consulting firm, in the sale of a minority interest to Century Equity Partners and in Century's subsequent redemption through a combination of a cash and redeemable preferred equity.
- Represented real estate developer Parkway Corporation in connection with obtaining the private equity financing for the zoning, construction, leasing of a new office tower at 2222 Market Street in Philadelphia.
- Represented Hollywood-based independent film finance and production company, Sidney Kimmel Entertainment (SKE), in its international joint venture with Ivanhoe Entertainment to create SK Global and in obtaining financing from the China Cultural and Entertainment Fund.
- Represented Respitech Medical Inc., a subsidiary of Specialty Medical Products, Inc., in its acquisition of RCC&S Inc., a respiratory care staffing and consulting services company.
- Represented La Colombe Torrefaction, Inc., a nationwide coffee roasting company with both wholesale and retail operations, in a recapitalization and sale of a majority interest to Goode Partners, and then in a subsequent recapitalization and investment by Hamdi Ulukaya, the founder of Chobani, a food company specializing in yogurt.
- Represented Comcast Corporation and Comcast Sports Ventures in its sale of Paciolan, LLC, Ventures' Ticketing and Fan Engagement division, to Learfield Communications, LLC.
- Represented the Estate of Edward M. Snider in the sale of its minority interest in Comcast Spectacor, L.P. to Comcast Corporation.
- Represented Prizelogic LLC, which develops and executes digital promotions for large consumer brands and retailers, in connection with the company's recapitalization by Pamlico Capital.
- Represented Collective Bias, a leader in influencer-generated content marketing, in its sale to Abris Partners.
- Represented The Wine Advocate in the sale of a majority interest to a private investment group.

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- Represented Synnefo Technology Solutions, a software development solutions company, in its sale to Forsythe Solutions, Inc.
- Represented Anexinet Corp., a leading systems integration and technology management company, in its sale to Marlin Equity Partners.
- Represented a principal owner of Beaux Freres, LLC, an Oregon wine vineyard renowned for its Pinot Noir, in the sale of Beaux Freres to Maison & Domaines Henriot – S.A. La Viegie.
- Represented Logan Circle Partners, L.P. in the acquisition of \$13 billion in institutional assets from Delaware Management Holdings, Inc., and the transition of a team of its investment management professionals to Logan Circle Partners.
- Represented Morphotek, Inc., a biotech company, in multiple rounds of financing, including more than \$40 million of venture capital financings from a group of prominent venture funds, including SROne, FORWARD VENTURES, China Development Industrial Bank, Rock Maple Ventures, Burrill & Co., CB Health Ventures, and Flagship Ventures to the subsequent \$350 million acquisition of Morphotek by Japanese health care research and development firm Eisai, Inc.
- Represented Smart Business Advisory and Consulting LLC in a recapitalization in which Great Hill Equity Partners acquired a controlling interest.
- Represented Smart, Devine & Company, LLC in its sale to Marcum LLP.

#### **Aviation**

- Represented Afrijet Business Service, a Gabonese-based aviation operator, in its lease of an ATR 42-500 Aircraft from Elix Assets 7 Ltd and an ATR 72-702 Aircraft from Willis Lease Finance Corporation.
- Represented the owner of Jet Select Aviation in a dispute with U.S. Bank concerning compliance with aircraft lease re-delivery conditions.
- Represented ACI Partners, LLC in its acquisition of Aviation Charters, Inc., a Part 135 Operator.
- Represented a Spanish client in its purchase of a Gulfstream G-550 aircraft from a Swiss owner, in which the aircraft was then under lease to Gulfstream for demonstration flights.
- Represented the Republic of Mali in the purchase of a Boeing Business Jet from a private investment firm. Facilitated the FAA deregistration and registration to Aruba, and documented subleasing arrangement between The Republic and an Anguillan affiliate.
- Represented the owners of a Gulfstream G-III aircraft in a Section 1031 reverse like-kind exchange transaction involving the purchase of a Gulfstream G-IV aircraft.
- Represented the French/Icelandic purchaser of nine Bombardier CRJ-100's under lease with an affiliate of Continental Airlines from a German bank.
- Represented an Irish-based seller of two new Bell 407 helicopters to a Mexican-based multinational corporation. Also represented this same seller in a sale of a Bell 407 helicopter to the owner of a Mumbai-based private equity fund.
- Represented an African-based private charter company in negotiating the VIP conversion of a Boeing 777 aircraft by a Virginia-based completion company.

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- Represented the owner of multiple car dealerships in a series of related corporate and real estate transactions in which two dealerships were combined to form a new joint venture, one real parcel was sold, and other related parcels were leased to the joint venture.
- Represented the majority owner of Park Avenue Motor Cars, LLC, the owner of Mercedes Benz of Fort Washington and Mercedes Benz of West Chester, in the acquisition of the remaining ownership interests in the company from its minority partners.
- Represented Park Avenue Motor Cars, LLC in its purchase of Mercedes Benz of Atlantic City and its subsequent sale to Piazza Auto Group.
- Represented the owner of Devon Nissan in its sale of the dealership to an independent third party.
- Represented AutoFair Investors, L.P. in its purchase and sale of more than a dozen automotive dealerships in the New England region.
- Represented SHR Automotive, LLC in the purchase of VW Colonial, an automotive dealership located in Newtown Square, Pa.