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Stephen Melore is a transactional lawyer with a broad-based corporate practice principally focused on the Middle Market. Steve represents businesses, lenders, and investors in mergers, acquisitions (M&A), divestitures, spinoffs, and recapitalizations, including platform, bolt-on and carve out transactions and rollover equity investments. Steve counsels middle market businesses across numerous industries from formation through exit.

Steve also represents owners of closely held businesses in negotiating shareholder and operating agreements, effectuating partner buyouts and redemptions, and drafting and reviewing commercial contracts, including distribution, joint venture, marketing and supply agreements. Steve effectively serves as outside general counsel to many clients.

Steve has extensive experience in resolving business disputes, including effectuating squeeze-out mergers of minority equity holders, and negotiating settlement agreements among business owners in both litigated and non-litigated disputes.

Experience

- Sale of a specialty tape manufacturer to a publicly traded (NYSE) engineered products company.
- Sale of a semiconductor business to a private equity backed company.
- Sale of an insurance company in a platform acquisition by a private equity backed company.
- Sale of an import, export and logistics services company to a multinational logistics company.

PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate
Commercial Finance & Banking
Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
Business Divorce

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, J.D.
State University of New York, College at Geneseo, B.A.

AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Cornell Law Review, Former Editor
New York State Bar Association

ADMISSIONS

New York

- Sale of an industrial technology robotics company to a publicly traded (NYSE) infrastructure supplier.
 - Advised and designed earnouts in sales transactions to benefit both the buyer and seller in maximizing the transaction value and carrying forward business continuity post-closing.
 - Sale of a commercial HVAC company to a French multinational utility company.
 - Sale of commercial tooling and injection molding company to a private equity backed company.
 - Sale of a test and measurement company to an international technology company.
 - Sale of specialty dessert manufacturer to a private equity backed company.
 - Purchase of a cloud computing services company for a private equity backed company.
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Community Work

- Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Corporate Advisory Board
 - Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium, Board of Trustees
 - Huntington YMCA, Board of Managers
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Recognition

- M&A Advisor Award Winner, Restructuring Deal of the Year (between \$10M-\$100M)