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Steve focuses his practice primarily on corporate [finance and banking](#), [mergers and acquisitions](#), capital markets and [securities](#), corporate governance, and general [corporate](#) matters. He regularly represents commercial lenders and corporate borrowers in a variety of corporate finance transactions that include commercial loan transactions, as well as representing corporate clients in mergers and acquisition transactions, asset purchases and sales, other corporate transactions, and corporate governance matters. He represents clients in a variety of sectors: including financial institutions and financial services; physician groups and hospital systems; telecom related companies; manufacturers; and real estate companies.

Steve has experience managing all aspects of debt capital market and banking transactions, including drafting and negotiating contracts such as purchase agreements, indentures (including for high yield debt instruments), intercreditor agreements, bilateral and syndicated credit agreements, bridge loan agreements, security agreements, mortgages and other collateral documents, legal opinions and other closing documents for debt securities offerings and other leveraged finance transactions. He also has substantial experience managing comprehensive due diligence processes and drafting disclosure documents for registered and unregistered securities transactions. Steve has acted as lead counsel on several multijurisdictional leveraged finance transactions, including coordinating local counsel in the context of those transactions. He has also advised institutional financial investors in reviewing and analyzing syndicated loan documents, focusing on covenant packages, lender rights and remedies, and other provisions affecting syndicate lenders. In addition, Steve has substantial experience in complex structured finance transactions, negotiating and drafting swaps and other derivatives transactions, and representing dealer managers and issuers in debt and equity tender offers. Steve also has substantial experience advising clients in the mergers, acquisitions and business combination area, including group reorganization and business

CAPABILITIES

Corporate

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Securities

Banking & Financial Transactions

formation, stock purchase agreements, asset purchase agreements, merger agreements and related documents, including commitment letters for bank clients providing financial support of bidding sponsors in connection with leveraged buyout transactions.

Prior to joining Lippes Mathias, Steve was a partner at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP in Tampa, Florida, after several years with Clifford Chance LLP in New York City and London, and Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in London. Before attending law school, Steve worked for six years as a commodity trader and for two years in the financial sector in New York.

EDUCATION

- University at Buffalo School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1998
- University at Buffalo School of Management, M.B.A., *with distinction*, 1998
- Cornell University, B.S., 1987

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Leadership Tampa, Class of 2013
- Florida High School Hockey Association, Inc., Former Board Member, Vice-President
- Lightning High School Hockey League, Former Advisory Committee Co-Chair
- Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network

LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- Italian

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- New York
- Florida