

# Steven K. Sims

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## PARTNER

### Overview

If you ask Steve, working with a wide variety of clients is one of the best parts of his job. He enjoys plant tours with manufacturers. He appreciates the personal side of a family-owned business. He learns from his international clients, discovering the laws, customs and negotiating styles of different countries. He likes helping directors and C-level officers navigate their careers and overcome business challenges. He has a lot in common with the professional service providers he represents, and he has a kinship when working with in-house counsel, because Steve spent seven years as in-house general counsel for a large international container manufacturer.

In more than 30 years of practice, Steve has established himself as a trusted advisor for businesses and individuals. He handles complex mergers and acquisitions, financing and capital-raising transactions, private placements, reorganizations and outsourcing transactions, ownership agreements and strategic alliances, and long-term wind and solar leases and easements. Steve assists clients with corporate governance and securities law compliance, secured lending transactions, international business and cross-border transactions, intellectual property licensing and acquisition, private equity and venture capital transactions, and litigation and risk management. He also drafts, negotiates and manages a wide variety of commercial and other forms of contracts and agreements.

Steve's clients work in a variety of industries, including fabrication, manufacturing and printing, freight and logistics, containers and packaging, metal services, factory automation, tool and die, bearings and bearing assemblies, web retailing, financial services, consulting, investment banking, market data analytics and real estate. He provides value to his clients with the right mix of practical business acumen and technical legal skills.

### SERVICES

Banking & Finance  
Commercial Contracts  
Commercial Lending  
Corporate & Securities  
Corporate Governance  
Joint Ventures & Strategic Alliance Agreements  
Manufacturing & Food Processing  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Money Management/Investment Adviser  
Outside General Counsel  
Securities & Capital Markets  
Securities Enforcement  
Shareholder Activism  
Venture Capital & Private Equity

### EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, J.D., 1989

Eastern Illinois University, B.A., 1986

## Experience

\$2.57 Million Division Asset Sale for Engineering Company

Represented the Shareholders of a Risk Management Information System Provider for Health Care Organizations in the Sale of Their Business

Represented an Electronic Discovery and Digital Forensics Company in its Sale to a Private Equity Backed Platform

Represented a Direct Marketing Company in a \$50 Million Cash-Out Merger and Sale to a Private-Equity Backed Competitor

Serves as Chief Legal Advisor to an Integrated Steel Processor and Framing Products Manufacturer

Served as Lead M&A Lawyer for a Large Japanese Manufacturing Client who Acquired a Public Manufacturer

Represented the Shareholders of One of the Largest Independent U.S. Distributors of Refined Fuels in the Sale of their Business

Served as a Key Member of a Legal Team that Completed the \$275 Million Leveraged Buyout of a Manufacturer

Represented the Acquirer in the Acquisition of a Majority Interest in a Web-Based Seller of Camping Equipment

Represented an E-Business Company in Restructuring and a \$10 Million Venture Capital Investment

Defended a Trust in a Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Breach of Confidentiality Agreement Involving a Closely Held LLC

Facilitated \$12.7M Stock Sale and Client Portfolio Diversification

## Membership & Involvement

Member: American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity Subcommittees

## Firm News

Attorney Steven Sims Joins Amundsen Davis's Corporate Practice Group  
January 2, 2020

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## ADMISSIONS

Illinois

## Alerts

Federal Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements Coming Soon for Many Corporations and LLCs

## Speaking Engagements

Recent Legal Trends and Issues

Speaking Engagement, Midwest Business Brokers and Intermediaries, Seminar; Oak Brook, IL, November 21, 2024

Thinking About Selling Your Business? What You Need to be Doing Now  
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, May 12, 2021

Critical Legalese for Start-ups: Organization, Agreements and IP  
Irontek, Webcast, April 28, 2020

Alternative Energy Easements and Lease Agreements  
The Chicago Bar Association - Business Law, Drafting and Negotiating Subcommittee, February 4, 2018

## Blog Posts

Patience is a Virtue: Landmark Federal M&A Broker Exemption Effective March 29, 2023

*Corporate News: A Legal Update*, January 19, 2023

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