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Clients and colleagues alike turn to Steve when a bankruptcy case is not likely to settle. A seasoned trial lawyer, he is widely recognized for his solutions-oriented approach, which involves working closely with clients to first see the end result and then map out a plan to get there. He focuses his practice on business bankruptcy litigation, representing creditors, investors, distressed debt lenders, trustees, committees, and business entities litigating disputes in bankruptcy court.

Steve received his B.S. in multinational business operations from Florida State University and received his J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he continues to guest lecture. He is board certified by the American Board of Certification in both creditors' rights law and business bankruptcy law and is a member of the Florida, California, District of Columbia, New York, Puerto Rico (federal), and Texas bars.

Steve serves as the American Bankruptcy Institute's Anthony H.N. Schnelling Endowment Fund's national Regional Endowment Coordinator and also serves on the Board of the American Board of Certification. He works on several committees and task forces and routinely volunteers and speaks at seminars. Additionally, he volunteers in providing pro bono bankruptcy and insolvency services and training for United States Navy service members, including Judge Advocate General officers and staff, and serves as

the Judge Advocate for the Coronado Yacht Club.

When not in the courtroom, Steve enjoys traveling and boating with his wife and two children. He is also an animal lover, having rescued a number of dogs and cats.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida, 1990

California, 2008

District of Columbia, 2017

Puerto Rico (Federal), 2017

New York, 2021

Texas, 2023

All Florida State Courts

All California State Courts

Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

United States District Court, Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts, Florida

United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts, Florida

United States District Court, Northern, Eastern, Central, and Southern Districts, California

United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern, Eastern, Central, and Southern Districts, California

United States District Court, Colorado

United States Bankruptcy Court, Colorado

Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

All District of Columbia Courts

United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District, New York

United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District, North Carolina

United States District Court, Puerto Rico

United States Bankruptcy Court, Puerto Rico

United States District Court, Southern District, New York, 2022

SERVICE LINE

Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Creditors' Rights
Early Dispute Resolution
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Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Aerospace & Aviation
Financial Institutions & Insurance
Manufacturing
Real Estate, Construction & Development
Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality

PRIMARY LOCATION

Tampa, FL

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1990

B.S., Multinational Business Operations, Florida State University, 1987

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified in Creditors' Rights Law and Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- American Bankruptcy Institute, Board of Directors
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Veterans Task Force and Pro Bono Committee within, as well as frequent lecturer
- American Board of Certification, Board of Directors
- Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida
- Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professionals Association
- San Diego Bankruptcy Forum
- California Bankruptcy Forum
- Guest lectures for the Advanced Bankruptcy Seminars at the University of Florida Levin College of Law as well as the Stetson University College of Law

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