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Steve solves transactional and litigation problems. His litigation work includes a wide variety of real estate and commercial contract disputes, including boundary disputes, construction disputes, Uniform Commercial Code cases, and sales and use tax challenges. He has experience with Arkansas state agencies and commissions, in particular the Arkansas Public Service Commission. His utility regulatory experience includes rate cases, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity applications, merger applications, generic policy dockets, rulemakings, interconnection agreements, and show cause orders, among other types of proceedings. Steve's transactional experience includes real estate and personal property sales and leases as well as lending transactions and contracts for utility, information technology, and personal services. His lobbying assignments include utility and industrial regulation, insurance, taxation issues, and debt collection.



SERVICES

- Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Construction
- Energy
- Environmental Litigation
- Government Relations
- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Regulatory Administrative
- State and Local Government
- Utility Services

INDUSTRIES

- Agriculture
- Banking
- Construction
- Energy
- Financial Institutions
- Food Processing
- Manufacturing
- Public Utilities
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

University of Arkansas, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering
University of Arkansas William H. Bowen School of Law, Juris Doctor (high honors)
Member, UALR Law Journal

HONORS

- Best Lawyers in America – Energy Law and Commercial Litigation
- Best Lawyers in America 2013 Little Rock Energy Law “Lawyer of the Year”
- Mid-South Super Lawyers, Business Litigation
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating
- Appointed to Arkansas Public Service Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure Revision Committee

EXPERIENCE

- Negotiated office, production facility, and warehouse commercial leases for owners and tenants
- Commercial lending for borrowers, banks, insurance companies, and other lenders
- Lender liability defense, including alleged promises to renew credit and alleged fraud to acquire the borrower’s collateral
- Represented landowners in farm tenant lease negotiations and disputes
- Initial formation and capitalization, borrowing, land acquisition, and access easement agreements for duck and deer hunting clubs
- Negotiated natural gas and electricity public utility service contracts for manufacturers and food processors
- Arkansas Public Service Commission interstate pipeline company navigable river crossing application
- Class action usury defense of mortgage-backed security holders and trustees
- Certified rice seed sales contract litigation for a large farming corporation
- Represented major unsecured grain processor and trader in grain trading firm collapse
- Unauthorized collateral pledge of corporate stock for a non-profit economic development lender
- Litigation involving custom designed manufacturing production lines in the ceramics and other industries
- Deer hunting stand design litigation for an injured hunter
- Stadium construction litigation for a sub-contractor
- Natural gas pipeline easement encroachments for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulated interstate pipeline company
- Litigation involving accretion and avulsion boundary changes on the Arkansas River for a county government and school district
- Suit regarding navigability of a lake for a large agricultural landowner
- Utility low-income assistance charges lawsuit for industrial utility customers
- Utility bill tax illegal exaction suit
- Court challenge to natural gas pipeline compressor fuel sales and use taxes

AFFILIATION

- Pulaski County, Arkansas (Chair, Business Law Section, Uniform Laws Committee) and American Bar Associations
- Arkansas Bar Foundation
- Metropolitan Junior Chamber of Commerce, Director and Legal Counsel
- Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class VII
- Central Arkansas Debtor-Creditor Bar Association
- Volunteers Organization for Central Arkansas Legal Services, member
- Baptist Health Foundation Board of Trustees
- State Capital Group Board of Directors
- St. James Learning Center, Board of Directors
- St. James Methodist Church, Administrative Board, Endowment Committee and Lay Reader
- West Memphis Jaycees, President