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Steve applies his experience as a business lawyer, and business owner, to each matter in order to effectively achieve his clients' long-term objectives. He is known for the sage general business advice he applies to navigate potential pitfalls and anticipate problems before they occur. He truly stands behind his firm's tagline: "Your Counsel Matters," and listens carefully to client desires and concerns before charting the most effective course.

Steve is particularly skilled in commercial collections for banks and financial institutions, and has successfully litigated heavily contested, multimillion-dollar real/personal property and equity line financing cramdown cases. He also assists with pre-bankruptcy and pre-workout considerations and strategies, and with wealth management advice and planning for his high net worth clients. So adept in complex bankruptcy insolvency matters, he has been nicknamed the "involuntary bankruptcy go-to lawyer" because of his management of the sensitive issues surrounding involuntary bankruptcy filings.

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