



# Stephen J. Hackman

Partner

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Stephen J. Hackman is a partner at Ice Miller. His practice focuses primarily on federal and state securities law, including capital formation (registered public and exempt private offerings) and federal and state reporting and compliance; corporate governance; mergers and acquisitions; and commercial lending.

Steve's clients are involved in a variety of industries, including medical devices, manufacturing, retail, health care, transportation, energy and agriculture, gaming, contract research, auto dealer financing and automobile redistribution. Steve regularly provides focused, strategic advice to our clients in connection with their growth plans. Steve has acted as lead counsel in numerous sophisticated and complex financing and acquisition transactions and regularly counsels clients regarding disclosure issues, corporate governance matters and compliance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and various stock exchanges.

A significant portion of Steve's practice is devoted to representing public companies and large private firms. While spending a year as a member of the board of directors of a public company, Steve was able to gain a valuable perspective on the issues faced by public company directors and the dynamics of the board room. This perspective allows him to communicate effectively with boards and management while providing practical, workable solutions to the challenges faced by clients.

## Education

- Indiana University (B.S., *with highest distinction*, 1981)
  - Management and Administration
- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1984)

## Admissions

- Indiana

## Professional Affiliations

- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

## Services & Industries

- Advice to Directors & Officers
- Banking & Financial Services
- Broker-Dealer & Investment Advisors
- Business
- Finance
- Food & Agribusiness Memberships & Affiliations
- Health Care
- Health Care Transactions
- Lenders & Investors
- Life Sciences
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Public Company Governance
- Registered Securities Offerings (IPOs)
- Securities & Capital Markets
- Transactions
- Health Care

- Member, Indianapolis Lawyers Club
- Chair, Indianapolis Bar Association's Business Section Executive Council, 1994

## Awards & Honors

- *BusinessToday.news* Lawyer Awards, Top 10 Most Influential Corporate/M&A Lawyers in Indiana, 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Corporate Law, 2006-2026; Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2007-2026; Agriculture Law, 2017-2026
- *Best Lawyers®* "Lawyer of the Year" in Mergers and Acquisitions Law in Indianapolis, 2020, 2025
- *Best Lawyers®* "Lawyer of the Year" in Corporate Law in Indianapolis, 2012 and 2019
- *Chambers USA*, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, 2004-2025
- *Indiana Super Lawyers*, 2004-2019
- *Martindale-Hubbell®* 2024 AV Preeminent Attorney Rating
- Order of the Coif

## Community Involvement

- Board of Directors, Visionary Enterprises, Inc.
- Board of Trustees, Marian University, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Business Law Advisory Board, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

## Published In

- ["SEC Prioritizes Cybersecurity as Congress Considers Disclosure Requirements."](#) *Data and Security Dispatch*, Volume 2 Issue 1
- "SEC Passes Final Rule Permitting General Solicitation in Certain Private Offerings"
- "New Compensation Committee Rules"
- "Observations on the 2012 US IPO Market"

## Thought Leadership

January 30, 2024

**SEC Adopts New Rules Governing SPACs and de-SPAC Transactions**

## Speaking Engagements

- "Best Supporting Actor: How to Assist Your Board in Fulfilling its Fiduciary Duties," Ice Miller CLE Forum for In-House Counsel, Columbus, Ohio , Dec. 1, 2015