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BIOGRAPHY

Steve Baumer regularly advises clients involved in complex business transactions. He counsels clients on corporate governance issues and advises on matters such as strategic mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, investments and joint ventures; debt and equity restructurings; leveraged buyouts and mezzanine financings; SEC reporting requirements; and public and private sales of debt and equity securities.

Mr. Baumer has experience with companies in a number of different industries, including agriculture, manufacturing, health care, technology, life sciences, telecommunications, private

equity and consumer goods. He is the former leader of the firm's global Transactions practice, and a current member of the firm's Board.

A LEADING CORPORATE AND M&A LAWYER

- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, 2021-2022
- The Legal 500 United States 2017: M&A: middle-market (SUB-\$500M)
- BTI Client Service All-Star
- *The Best Lawyers in America* ©, Corporate Law; M&A Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2023

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 1997
- England & Wales (Registered Foreign Lawyer), 1996
- Illinois, 1994

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, J.D., *cum laude*, 1994

University of Notre Dame, B.A., with high honors, 1991

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Agribusiness
- Food & Beverage
- Restaurants, Pubs & Clubs
- Real Estate
- Strategic Alternatives & Corporate Reorganization
- Corporate
- AdTech
- PropTech

- Food & Agribusiness
- Private Equity
- Data Centers & Digital Infrastructure

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Baumer's transactional experience has included the representation of:

- Express Scripts Holding Company in connection with acquisition, divestiture and joint venture transactions
- Energizer Holdings, Inc. in connection with its M&A and capital markets activities, including its acquisition of the global auto care business of Spectrum Brands
- Caleres, Inc. in connection with its M&A activities, including its acquisitions of Allen Edmonds and Vionic
- The Stephens Group, The Broe Group and Eagle Private Capital in connection with their investment activities
- Enterprise Holdings Inc. in connection with its M&A activities, including its acquisition of Deem
- Emerson Electric Co. in connection with numerous acquisition and divestiture transactions
- Bunge North America in connection with various joint venture, acquisition and divestiture transactions
- Dentsply Sirona, Panera Bread Company, Edgewell Personal Care, International Paper Company, Windstream Corporation and Tekelec in connection with various merger and acquisition transactions
- Maschhoff Family Foods, LLC in connection with its M&A and financing activities
- Monsanto Company in connection with various strategic investments and divestitures
- Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. in connection with cross-border investment activities
- Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited in connection with the sale of its US cargo handling operations
- NuVox, Inc. in connection with its capital raising activities and various acquisition transactions

- Castle Pines Capital in connection with its formation and capital raising activities, and its ultimate sale to a Fortune 50 financial services company.
- Ralcorp Holdings, Inc. in connection with the sale of its Branded Cereal Products Division in a reverse Morris trust transaction
- Former ownership group (a partnership of leading public and private companies headquartered in St. Louis) of The St. Louis Blues NHL Hockey Club in its sale of the team and the team's arena

RELATED INSIGHTS

Awards

Dec 02, 2025

Firm recognized by LCLD as a 2025 Top Performer award winner

News

Nov 10, 2025

BCLP Elects 17 New Partners

Awards

Nov 06, 2025

BCLP Recognized in the 16th Edition of the Best Law Firms in America 2026 Guide

News

Nov 05, 2025

BCLP Names New Office Managing Partners in San Francisco and Paris; New Country Managing Partner in UAE

Awards

Oct 16, 2025

Chambers 2026 UK guide ranks BCLP in 36 practice areas and recognises 76 individual lawyers

In the 2026 edition of Chambers UK BCLP received 36 practice area rankings and 76 individual lawyer recognitions. This year, the firm is recognized in six new practice areas and improved to a Band 1 ranking for Commercial Contracts, as well as a Band 2 ranking for Hotels and Leisure.

News

Oct 01, 2025

BCLP Expands Real Estate Practice with Strategic Addition in New York

News

Oct 01, 2025

The Legal 500 UK 2026

News

Sep 04, 2025

BCLP Appoints New Office Managing Partner in Seattle

Awards

Aug 21, 2025

Best Lawyers in the USA 2026