



Steve Thornton concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate finance, securities, commercial transactions and general corporate counseling. He assists businesses and individual clients with secured financings, restructurings, company acquisitions and dispositions, SEC compliance, and other general corporate matters.

As many of Steve's clients include privately held businesses, he frequently serves as outside general counsel. Steve is dedicated to solving problems in the most effective and efficient way possible. Regardless of the challenge, Steve draws upon his broad base of experience and knowledge to quickly assess the situation at hand to help provide clients with workable solutions for their specific issues.

Of particular note, Steve is committed to providing the clear and straightforward communication required to advise privately held businesses. He focuses on taking the time to explain complex legal issues and provide explanations that are understandable for even the most diverse ownership structures and audiences.

Since being appointed by the Indiana governor in 2001, Steve has served on Indiana's Business Law Survey Commission, which was established by statute for the purpose of making recommendations to the Indiana General Assembly concerning amendments to the state statutes governing business entities. Steve has also served on Barnes & Thornburg's Management Committee and as co-chairman of its Legal Personnel-Administration Committee.

## **Honors**

The Best Lawyers in America, 2008-2024; Lawyer of the Year, 2011, 2018, 2020 and 2024

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### **EDUCATION**

The Ohio State University College of Law, (J.D.), with honors, 1983

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#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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### **LANGUAGES**

English

### **PRACTICES**

Corporate

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity

Securities and Capital Markets

Structured Finance

### **INDUSTRIES**

Agriculture and Food

Bank/Thrift/Credit Union Regulatory Practice

Banking and Financial Institutions - Securities

Broker-Dealer and Investment Advisor Regulation

**Financial Services** 

Financing

Mergers and Acquisitions - Financial Services

Treasury Management