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Steve Weise is a partner in the corporate department, practicing in its Los Angeles office. He practices in a wide range of commercial law. He spends much of his time on matters arising under the Uniform Commercial Code, especially under Article 9 – Secured Transactions. He is a nationally-recognized expert in these matters. Steve is also authoritative on third-party opinion letters and contract law matters, especially online contracting, plain English drafting, contract drafting, and boilerplate.

Steve is a member of the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code and of the Council of the American Law Institute. For thirty years, Steve has been on many Uniform Commercial Code drafting committees, including the comprehensive revisions of UCC Article 9 in 1999 and the 2022 UCC Amendments addressing digital assets as collateral. Steve has been a Lecturer in Law at UCLA Law School, where he taught Uniform Commercial Code – Secured Transactions.

Steve was instrumental as an Adviser in the preparation of the recently-completed American Law Institute Restatement of the Law, Consumer Contracts and is active in many other Restatement projects. Steve is the former chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Business Law and its Legal Opinions Committee. He has been the Reporter for many TriBar Opinions Committee reports on opinions under the UCC and contract law and has long been a member of the board of the Working

Group on Legal Opinions.

Practices

Global Finance, Asset-Based Lending, Borrower Finance, Financial Restructuring and Special Situations, Fund Finance, Hybrid Capital, Sports, Media & Entertainment Finance, Structured Credit, Syndicated Leveraged Finance and Capital Markets, Real Estate, Real Estate Finance, Restructuring, Private Credit, Private Credit Restructuring

Industries

Asset Management, Private Capital, Private Equity, Real Estate, Real Assets

Market Solutions

Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG), Blockchain & Digital Assets

Education

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D.
Yale University, B.A.

Admissions & Qualifications

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, California, Central District

Memberships

American Bar Association (Advisor to The Uniform UCC Article 9 Drafting Committee, Representative to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Working Group on Secured Transactions, Former Chair of Business Law Section, Former Chair of Committee on Legal Opinions, Former Chair of Committee on Personal Property Secured Financing), House of Delegates

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Uniform Commercial Code Permanent Editorial Board

American Law Institute (Council; Uniform Commercial Code Article 9 Drafting Committee)

TriBar Opinion Committee

California State Bar (Former Chair of Executive Committee of the Business Law Section, Committee of the Uniform Commercial Code)

Awards & Recognition

Distinguisehd Service Award, American Law Insitute 2022

Chambers USA: California: Banking & Finance 2010-2023, Senior Statesperson 2023-2026

US Legal 500: Finance: Bank Lending (National) 2010

Best Lawyers "Los Angeles Equipment Finance Lawyer of the Year" 2015

Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year 2019, 2024

Best Lawyers in America 1995-2024

Southern California Super Lawyers 2004-2018

Lifetime Achievement Award, California State Bar Business Law Section

Chair’s Award, American Bar Association Business Law Section