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Steve Hope is a senior member of the firm's Corporate group and counsels a number of clients on a wide range of business legal issues, focusing on structuring and negotiating complex mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and corporate finance transactions.

Steve's practice includes a wide range of business transactional matters, with a particular emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, governance, and general corporate matters. He also has extensive experience in the formation, structuring, and governance of privately held business entities and drafting and negotiating commercial contracts.

Steve's clients include businesses in a broad range of industries including manufacturing, consumer products, telecommunications, service, and energy. His merger and acquisition experience includes representing both acquirors and targets in domestic and cross border transactions. Steve is known for his practical approach to resolving issues and completing transactions.

Notable

- *Chambers USA*-North Carolina, Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions, 2003-2021
- *Best Lawyers of America*, Charlotte Mergers & Acquisitions Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2012; Charlotte Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2017; Charlotte Corporate Governance Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2019; Charlotte Securities/Capital Markets Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2020
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Corporate Governance Law, 2005-2022; Corporate Law, 2005-2022; Mergers & Acquisitions Law, 2005-2022; Securities/Capital Market Law, 2005-2022
- *IFLR1000*, "Highly Regarded" M&A, 2018-2021
- *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, 2006-2018

Capabilities

Corporate Governance & Shareholder Relations
Joint Ventures & Strategic Transactions
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity
Securities & Capital Markets

Education

J.D., Columbia University;
Board of Editors, Columbia Law Review; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

A.B., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Admissions

North Carolina
New York (inactive)

STEPHEN "STEVE" D. HOPE

- Martindale-Hubbell, North Carolina Top Rated Lawyer
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Board of Directors and Chair of the Grant Review Committee, Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation, Inc., Past Member
- Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Business Law Section Council, North Carolina Bar Association, Past-Chairman
- Business Law Curriculum Committee, North Carolina Bar Foundation, Past Member
- Holds a Commercial Pilot's License
- Active in civic and cultural activities, having served as:
 - Charlotte Country Day School Board of Trustees, Member
 - Actor's Theatre of Charlotte, Board Member
 - Charlotte City Ballet, President
 - Charlotte Repertory Theatre, Board Member
 - Arts & Science Council Operating Grant Panel, Member
 - Community Link, a non-profit focusing on affordable housing, Member of Board of Directors

Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Business Law Section
- North Carolina Bar Association: Business Law Section
- American Bar Association, Fellow