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Steven D. Irwin handles business matters, routinely interacts with government bodies, and counsels high-level management defending against or asserting allegations of fraudulent conduct.

Steve led the firm's Labor & Employment Group for a decade and continues to counsel clients on all legal aspects of the employment relationship and labor compliance, with special emphasis on the financial services sector.

Steve guides our advisory and brokerage clients in developing strategies to resolve complex regulatory inquiries and compliance challenges.

Steve served as Commissioner of Banking & Securities under two Governors and sat on the Board of Trustees of the Investor Protection Trust. He served as President-Elect of the North American Securities Administrators Association and held leadership roles on the Federal Legislation Committee, Enforcement Section, and the Dodd-Frank Working Group. Steve was an independent director of the third business development fund of Franklin Square Investments from its formation. Steve was Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Arlen Specter and began his career as law clerk to Third Circuit Judge Joseph F. Weis, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals.

In February 2023, Steve became Josh Shapiro's first appointment as Governor when he was named to fill the vacancy on the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline left by President Judge James Eisenhower.

Steve regularly lectures on many aspects of the law, including employment, securities, fraud, construction, policy and politics, and for-profit and non-profit business matters. He has presented before the U.S. Congress, the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the National Business Institute, the Council on Education and Management, Heinz College of Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University and the American Institute of CPAs. He has been published numerous times and was Associate Editor of *Law & Policy in International Business*.

Steve is a former member of the firm's Management Committee.

Capabilities

Corporate
Labor & Employment
Litigation
Capital Markets
Government Relations (Co-Leader)
Investment Advisory (Co-Leader)
Securities (Leader)

Admissions

Pennsylvania
District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Academics

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
A.B., *cum laude*, Harvard College

Certificates and Designations

Certificate of Leadership Development, U.S. Army War College Commandant's National Security Program (2019)

Professional Memberships

American Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Allegheny County Bar Association
ABA Forum on the Construction Industry

Professional Accolades

Martindale-Hubbell

Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated Attorney

Best Lawyers

Government Relations Practice (2024, 2027);
Employment Law – Management (2024, 2027),
Securities Regulation (2027), *The Best Lawyers in America*

Super Lawyers

Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine* (2007-2019)

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers National Corporate Counsel Edition*

Additional Accolades

Law Power 100, *City & State PA* (2022)

Blue Sky Cube, North American Securities Administrators Association (2013)

Ed Sell Memorial Lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Fellow, Allegheny County Bar Foundation

Named to Top 100 Most Influential People in Politics in Pennsylvania

Honoree, Israel Bonds Legal Division

Nancy B. Zappala Service Award

Rivers Club Champion, The Rivers Club (2019)

U.S. Rowing Masters Nationals (Gold Medalist)

Publications

Full list of Steve's publications, speeches, presentations, and appearances available upon request.

Community Involvement

Allegheny County Democratic Committee (Elected Member, 1990-2020)

American Diabetes Association, Inaugural Father of the Year

Americans for Democratic Action, Western Pennsylvania Chapter (Former President)

Anti-Defamation League (National Commissioner; Chair, PA-OH-KY-WV Regional Board)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh (Former President)

Candidate for 118th U.S. Congress (PA-12)

Carriage House Children's Center (Former Board Member)

Commonwealth Court Campaign, Judge Ellen Ceisler (Co-Chair)

Coro Pittsburgh (Judge, 2020-2021 Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs Class)

Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania (Former Vice Chair)

Downtown Community Development Corporation (Former Board Member)

Fourteenth Ward Independent Democratic Club (Former Executive Vice President)

Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh (Member, Moe Coleman Awards Selection Committee)

Jefferson-Medal/Outstanding Citizen Award (Former Judge)

Jewish Healthcare Foundation (Co-Chair; Member, Board of Trustees)

Mayor's Task Force on Mon-Fayette Expressway (Former Co-Chair)

National Jewish Democratic Council

Off the Record, benefiting Greater Pittsburgh

Community Food Bank (Steering Committee)

PCTV, Host (Political Jungle)

Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition (Former Statewide Chair)

Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative (Co-Chair)

Pittsburgh Ukrainian Relief Coalition (Co-Founder; Board Member)

Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh (Former Chair)

Rainbow Kitchen Community Services (Former Board Member)

Riverlife (Headwaters Campaign, Steering Committee)

Rivers Club (Former Member, Board of Governors)

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (Former Commissioner Representing City of Pittsburgh)

Sustainable Pittsburgh (Chair)

Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (Former Board Member)

Stewards of the Head of the Ohio Regatta (Former Chair)

Three Rivers Rowing Association (Former President; Board of Governors)

Transition Team, Pennsylvania Attorney General

Transition Team, Public Works, Allegheny County Chief Executive

Transition Team, Transportation, Pennsylvania Governor

21 Voices – Alzheimer's Disease (Former Board Member)

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Former Chair, Pennsylvania Advisory Committee)

United Jewish Federation (Former Trustee)

United Jewish Federation, Community & Public Affairs Council (Former Chair)

University of Pittsburgh (Former Adjunct Faculty)

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Center for International Legal Education (Board of Advisors)