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Steve Tonkovich has over two decades of experience serving lenders and borrowers in complex, high-stakes financing transactions. He brings a practical business sense to help clients in a wide range of industries structure, negotiate, document, and close first lien, second lien, and split collateral financings, as well as unsecured mezzanine financings. Steve's deep understanding of the market enables him to design creative solutions to his clients' most difficult problems.

Steve also represents public and private companies in asset-based and cashflow debt financings, and assists on corporate transactions including mergers, acquisitions, and leveraged buyouts.

Steve's clients include Massachusetts Life Insurance Company, HarbourVest Partners, Callodine Commercial Finance, Wells Fargo Bank, PNC Bank, The Carlyle Group, New Heritage Partners, the Virginia Retirement System, Summit Partners, and Silversmith Capital Partners.

PRACTICE AREAS

Finance and Restructuring

Private Equity

Business & Technology

RECOGNITION

• Former Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Star

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Lender in \$240 million working capital/acquisition facility for national clothing retailer.
- Lender in \$115 million working capital/acquisition facility for national toy retailer.
- Lender in \$75 million debtor-in-possession facility for furniture retailer.
- Lender in \$35 million working capital/acquisition facility for international manufacturing company.
- Lender in \$30 million second lien term loan facility for national clothing retailer.
- Issuer in \$17 million public stock offering.
- Underwriters in \$54 million public stock offering in the U.S. and Canada.
- Underwriters in \$40 million biotech public stock offering.

EDUCATION

Boston College School of Law JD, 1997

Boston College BA, 1994, magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

- Underwriters in \$41 million technology public stock offering.
- Private equity fund in \$57 million acquisition of parcel delivery company.
- Private equity fund in \$185 million acquisition of store fixture companies.
- Private equity fund in \$102 million sale of healthcare company.
- Family-owned seed manufacturing business in \$42 million sale to private equity fund.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "How to Raise a Search Fund," author, Boston College Financial.
- "Fund a Search Fund: Raising Capital for Entrepreneurs Looking to Buy a Business," panelist, Boston College's MBA Entrepreneurship Club.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member of the Boston Bar Association
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- Member of the Association for Corporate Growth