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Steven J. Tjapkes is an attorney with the Business & Tax practice group of Foster Swift. Steven practices from the firm's Grand Rapids office with a focus on counseling agri-businesses and family farms in organization, succession planning and transactional matters. In addition to his practice, Steven lectures on estate administration and buying and selling small businesses.

Previously a veterinarian in private practice, Steven received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M) degree from Michigan State University in 1991. In 1999, he graduated *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School with his Juris Doctor (J.D.).

Steven is a member of the Grand Rapids Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.

### MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

#### Professional Affiliations:

- Michigan Corn Growers Association
  - Member
- Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee
  - Member

### PRACTICE AREAS

Agri-Business  
Business & Tax  
Business Law  
Business Succession Planning  
Estate Planning  
Trust & Estate Administration

### EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School,  
J.D., 1999, *cum laude*  
Michigan State University, D.V.M.,  
1991  
Calvin University, B.A., 1985

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
Grand Rapids Bar Association

### HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

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