

## KALAMAZOO

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## Services

### Real Estate

Commercial Real Estate Finance  
Real Estate Acquisition and  
Disposition

### Corporate and Transactions

Corporate, Securities and  
Commercial Transactions  
Mergers and Acquisitions

### Financial Services

C&I and Asset-Based Finance  
Receiverships, Real Estate  
Owned and Loan Portfolio  
Acquisitions & Dispositions

### Public Finance

Public-Private Partnerships

## Industries

Financial Institutions

Higher Education

K-12 Education

## Education

University of Michigan Law School,  
J.D., 1982

Kalamazoo College, A.B., 1978

## Bar Admissions

Indiana

Michigan



## Steven M. Stankewicz

Of Counsel

Steve Stankewicz's practice centers on business and real estate transactions, focusing primarily on the sale, purchase or leasing of property by businesses, universities, hospitals and governmental bodies.

He is also experienced in mergers, acquisitions and other transactions involving the sale or acquisition of businesses, with participation in over 250 transactions ranging in size from \$250,000 to \$580 million. Steve also has expertise in corporate securities, banking and lending, shareholder disputes, investment advisors, high-tech ventures, and university law.

## Representative Matters

### University Law

- Purchase, sale, lease and development of business, commercial and residential properties for universities
- Release of legislative restrictions on property
- Public/private partnerships for dormitories
- Property tax exemptions
- Foundation and endowment issues

### Merger and Acquisition Transactions

- Acquisition/sale of several automobile parts suppliers
- Charter school wind-down

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- Acquisition/sale of marinas
- Acquisition of bank branches
- Acquisition/sale of a civil engineering firm, veterinary practice, and physician and dental practices
- Acquisition/sale of retail businesses, restaurant/bars, hair salon and athletic club
- Acquisition/sale of radio stations
- Acquisition/sale of paper companies, including out of bankruptcy proceedings
- Acquisition/sale of tool & die/metal fabricating businesses
- Acquisition/sale of gas stations
- Acquisition/sale of funeral homes
- Acquisition/sale of fruit tree nursery and farms

### **Real Estate Transactions**

- 1031 Exchanges
- Buying/selling commercial real estate
- Buying/selling residential and vacation properties
- Sale of 60+ multi-state commercial properties in single transaction

### **Lending Transactions**

- Numerous loan transactions on behalf of banks and borrowers
- 50+ opinion letters for financing and acquisitions in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio
- 20+ subordinated debt financings
- 18+ venture capital financing and startup financings

### **Shareholder Dispute Representation**

- Appraisal remedy action on behalf of forced out shareholder
- Arbitration of physician/shareholder separation from large practice group
- Numerous shareholder disputes and separations

### **Medical School Formation**

In a complicated and innovative transaction, led an interdisciplinary team to create a new medical school in Michigan. The project involved forming a not for profit corporation involving a university, two hospitals, and a privately funded donation of \$100 million.

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## Honors

Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate, 2012-present; 2014 Kalamazoo Real Estate Lawyer of the Year

University of Michigan Law School, Managing Editor, Journal of Law Reform Note: Implied Private Rights of Action under the Securities Act of 1933, Section 17(a), 14 U.Mich. J.L. Ref. 563 (1981)

## Professional Activities

American Bar Association, Business Law Section

State Bar of Michigan, 1986-present; Corporation & Business Law Section; Real Property Law Section

State Bar of Indiana, 1982-present

Kalamazoo Bar Association

## Civic, Cultural & Social Activities

Former Little League baseball, youth basketball and youth hockey coach

Kalamazoo Hospital Hospitality House, Former Director

Junior Achievement/Kalamazoo & Van Buren Counties, Former Director

Friends of Western Michigan University

## Publications

"Introduction to Shareholders' Agreements and Management Control Issues," Coauthor, ICLE Course Handbook, November 1993

"Formation and Operation of a BIDCO," Coauthor, 69:1 Michigan Bar Journal 26, January 1990

"Comparison of Liability and Indemnification of Directors, Officers, and others under Delaware Law, Prior Michigan Law, and the Recently Adopted Amendment to Michigan Law," Coauthor, 9 Journal 102 (Fall 1986) (State Bar Corporation Finance and Business Law Section)

"Charting the Antitrust Minefields," May 1984 (Materials used at hospital law seminar).

## Articles

Miller Canfield Public-Private Partnerships Team

Michigan Remote Electronic Notarization Law

New Exemption for Uncapping of Residential Property Tax Takes Effect December 31