

Stephen D. Sayre

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Areas Of Practice

Business Services
Corporate Finance
Mergers & Acquisitions
Mergers & Acquisitions Annual Survey
Biotechnology and Life Science
Pharmaceuticals & Medical Products
Technology & Sourcing Transactions
Cannabis Law

Industries

Automotive Industry Group
Energy Industry Group
Energy Corporate
Energy Lending Transactions
Food & Beverage

Bar Admissions

Illinois, 1992

Education

DePaul University, J.D., *With Honor*
University of Colorado, B.S.

Stephen D. Sayre is a Member of the Corporate Finance Group and Co-Leader of the Mergers & Acquisitions sub-practice group. His Mergers & Acquisitions practice focuses on lower middle-market transactions and below are representative M&A transactions from 2018:

- Represented Tama Plastic Industry in its acquisition of certain assets of Great Lakes Polymers, LLC
- Represented Praetorian Protective Services in the sale of its security alarm business to a national security alarm aggregator
- Represented Presque Isle Electric & Gas Cooperative in its acquisition of Aurora Gas Company
- Represented PMA Financial Network in its sale to Estancia Capital Partners

Steve's practice focuses on companies in the technology, security alarm and pharmaceutical industries, including clients in Asia, Europe, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Steve also assists larger companies with strategic commercial transactions such as joint ventures, development agreements and licensing agreements.

Steve also acts as outside general counsel for companies that do not have inside counsel, managing commercial litigation, employment and tax matters.

Steve began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Mary L. Cooper, United States District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Prior to law school, Steve worked as a Certified Public Accountant for Ernst & Whinney and in private industry in the areas of auditing and accounting.

Seminars & Speeches

Understanding Your CDMO: A Legal Perspective, Contract Pharma 2020 Contracting and Outsourcing Conference
September 24, 2020

Mergers & Acquisitions: Are There More on the Horizon?, Panelist, Connect Chicago Conference, Chicago, Illinois
May 14, 2019

Stephen D. Sayre (Cont.)

Mergers & Acquisitions Update, Dykema's 2018 Financial Industry Group Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
November 9, 2018

Funding: Legal and Tax Issues for Start-Up Life Sciences Companies, Co-Presenter, MATTER, Chicago, Illinois
July 2015

Publications

2019 Mergers & Acquisitions Outlook Survey
November 7, 2019

"Coming to a Deal Near You: Representations and Warranties Insurance"
November 2019
Illinois Bar Journal

2018 Mergers & Acquisitions Outlook Survey
October 17, 2018

"Beware of Expired Contracts"
December 2016
Illinois State Bar Association Business and Securities Law Forum

"Optimism continues for private M&A market"
December 8, 2015
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

"Five Steps For More Effective Family Business Transitions," (co-authored)
October 2014
Small Business Digest

News

Stephen Sayre Serves as Featured M&A Panelist at Connect Chicago Conference
May 14, 2019

Stephen Sayre Quoted in *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* Story on Dykema's 2016 M&A Survey
December 1, 2016

Stephen Sayre Authors Article on M&A Outlook for *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*
December 9, 2015

Blog Posts

Illinois Cannabis Adult Use Measure: A Primer

Memberships & Involvement

- Member, The Economic Club of Chicago
- Illinois State Bar Association, Business & Securities Law Section Council, Member, 2016-2017

Community/Civic Activities

- Member of Board of Directors for Clearbrook, a social service organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs, 2014-2018