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ABOUT

Steve is an experienced corporate finance lawyer and a founding partner of Acuity. He qualified with Herbert Smith before joining Eversheds and becoming a partner at Eversheds. Steve established the predecessor firm of Acuity Law in 1999 and has been at the forefront of Acuity's growth.

Steve has a strong track record in advising technology companies and has extensive boardroom experience, having served on a range of boards as commercial and/or legal director. As well as strong technical legal skills, Steve brings a wealth of commercial experience.

Steve is listed as a leading individual in the Legal 500 and ranked Band 1 in Chambers & Partners.

EXPERTISE

- Corporate deals and transactions including mergers, acquisitions and disposals
- Private equity funded transactions and PE backed buy and build strategies
- Commercial projects and contracts including long-term contracts between the private and public sectors
- Banking and finance structures including complex and structured arrangements
- Restructuring and distressed situations

WORK

- Advising on the set up, structure and funding of MyPinPad, a leading company in the electronic payments sector, which has raised £20m+ in finance through several funding rounds.
- Advising on the establishment of Wealthify, a robo-investment platform and its commercialisation through to a major institutional investment by Aviva.
- Advising on the acquisition by Neptune 6 of the shares in Newport Wafer Fab (NWF) from Infineon AG, and the associated commercial and finance arrangements. Steve is a non-executive director of NWF and continues to lead the Acuity team supporting NWF as it expands its operations to become a leading player in the international semiconductor sector.

- Advising Eco2 on a series of developments in the renewable energy sector, including three biomass power station projects involving £100m+ financings and leading to the sale of the project companies to financial institutions.
- Advising on the establishment of Verdion Properties LLP and a long-term strategic alliance with the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan to create a £1bn+ investment platform for logistics properties throughout Europe.
- Advising the former shareholders of Swansea City FC on the sale of the club to new US-based owners in a £100m+ deal.
- Advising the management team of Lifetime Training on a secondary buy-out funded by a private equity investor, including terms for realising part of their equity and rolling over into a new structure.
- Advising a US-based high-end property developer on the acquisition of the Smallbone of Devizes business out of administration, and the associated commercial and intellectual property arrangements.