Corporate

Steptoe corporate lawyers represent companies in all areas of corporate, securities, and finance transactions, particularly those in a cross-border context. We work with clients at every stage of the business cycle, from entity formation and early stage financing, to day-to-day advice on business and legal issues, to negotiating mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and dispositions, to complex financial and restructuring transactions.

Our clients include multinational, domestic, regional companies in industries such as telecommunications, government contracts, consumer good manufacturing and distribution, renewable energy, retail and hospitality, real estate, and health care. We also represent issuers, underwriters, and investors in all types of financing transactions.

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Managing corporate governance matters and litigation through seasoned counseling and vigorous defense is vital for public and private companies and their officers and directors in a legal and regulatory era of increasingly severe criminal and administrative penalties, large jury verdicts, and substantial settlements. When problems arise, we also assist corporate management, boards, and special committees as independent counsel in internal investigations and as defense counsel in derivative and shareholder litigation alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and securities law violations, among other leading areas.
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