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Steven Yentzer's practice focuses on corporate and securities transactions primarily involving private equity securities and finance.

He regularly advises investment and private equity funds in all facets of their operations, including fund formation, tax structuring, internal operations and investment related matters. He is well known and respected and is sought out as a leading professional in the venture capital and private equity community. Some representative clients include Madrona Venture Group, Ignition Partners, KCK Ltd, Trilogy Equity Partners, Qiming Venture Partners, Morningside China TMT and Elevar Equity.

In addition to these areas, he represents a number of clients involved in sophisticated tax sensitive businesses including real estate funds and development ventures; alternative energy, real estate investment trusts, Up-C structures, sports franchises and asset management companies. His representation of these clients covers a broad area of corporate, tax and finance related matters. Clients in this area include Talon Investment Partners, The Seattle Hotel Group, Shurgard Storage Centers (acquired by Public Storage), Provenance Hotel Management and the Seattle Mariners.

- Corporate
  - Private Equity
  - International Tax Counsel
  - Real Estate Finance
  - Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
  - Global Investment Funds
  - Tax
  - Finance
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- Real Estate

## Admissions

- Washington

## Recognitions

The respected English research firm Chambers & Partners has repeatedly recognized Steven in *Chambers USA*. The directory has described him as "strong" and "a fine lawyer with a great demeanor" who is "particularly well regarded for his work in venture capital

fund formation." Clients are impressed with his "personable and practical approach" and "look to him for business advice as much as they do legal advice." "One source enthuses, "[h]e's very practical and a very good at the law, but he also understands the business situation." In an annual peer survey by Washington Law & Politics, Steven is consistently selected as a "Super Lawyer."

## Education

- J.D., Marquette University School of Law 1986  
*magna cum laude*
- B.A., Gonzaga University 1983  
*magna cum laude*

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Foreign fund managers may be exempt from Advisers Act registration requirements**

4 Aug 2011

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#### **Private fund advisers may be exempt from registration under new Dodd-Frank requirements**

1 Aug 2011

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#### **Advisers that only manage VC funds will be exempt from new Dodd-Frank registration requirements**

6 Jul 2011

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#### **SEC proposes definition of "venture capital fund" for exemption from Advisers Act**

23 Nov 2010

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