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Steve is an Officer in PennStuart's Abingdon, Virginia office and is member of the firm's Commercial Litigation practice group.

Steve's practice focuses on business transactions and litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts. He has tried over 175 cases including over 100 jury trials and has argued more than 25 appeals in the Virginia Supreme Court and the federal Courts of Appeal. He has extensive experience in business litigation, environmental regulation, safety, employment, community sales, local taxes, leasing, and land and mineral business organizations and acquisitions.

Steve served in the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star. Before joining PennStuart, he served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Representative Decisions

- *Virginia Lime Co. v. Craigsville Distributing, Inc.*, 670 F.2d 1366 (1982)
- *East Tennessee Natural Gas Company v. Riner*, 239 Va. 64 (1990)
- *Large v. Clinchfield Coal Company*, 239 Va. 144 (1990)
- *Powell Mountain Joint Venture v. Moore*, 248 Va. 63 (1994)
- *Molinary v. Powell Mountain Coal Co.* 173 F.3d 920 (1999)
- *North Fork Coal Corp. v. Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission*, 691 F.3d 735 (2012)
- *Virginia Electric and Power Company v. Hylton*, 292 Va. 92 (2016)

Practices

Litigation

- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Litigation
- Business Torts
- Appellate Practice
- Local Government

Industry Experience

- Energy
- Government/Public Sector
- Manufacturing

Education

- L.L.B., University of Virginia School of Law, 1967
- A.B., Duke University, 1964

Admissions

- Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Admissions continued

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Military Appeals
- U.S. Supreme Court

Honors & Distinctions

- American College of Trial Lawyers
 - Fellow
 - former member, Virginia State Committee
- American Board of Trial Advocates
 - Advocate
- Judicial Conference, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
 - Member Emeritus
- Virginia Super Lawyers
- Best Lawyers



Professional Activities

- Virginia State Bar
- Energy and Mineral Law Foundation
 - Trustee Emeritus