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Veteran dealmaker Steve Roddenberry advises clients in corporate compliance and governance issues, public and private securities transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and private equity investments. Described as a “masterful strategist” by *Chambers USA*, he has built longstanding relationships with Huizenga Holdings, the Miami Dolphins, Sheridan Healthcare, and The GEO Group, among others.

Steve has served as lead counsel in hundreds of M&A transactions, spin-offs, and restructurings of private and public companies. He has represented buyers, sellers, private equity investors, special committees of boards of directors, as well as other stakeholders in these complex deals.

Steve has been ranked as a leading corporate lawyer by *Chambers USA* in Corporate/M&A and Private Equity law for more than a decade and by *The Legal 500* in Middle Market M&A.

Notable Work

The GEO Group: Represented a publicly traded company in a \$307 million acquisition of eight correctional and detention facilities, helping GEO meet U.S. demand for correctional and detention bed space.

ABS Healthcare Services: Represented a privately owned provider of administrative services in the structuring and regulatory oversight of a \$100 million loan transaction.

BBX Capital Corporation: Represented a publicly traded company in a \$350 million public merger with a related corporation.

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar, Corporation, Banking and Business Law Section, Past Chairman, 1985-1986
- Sports Lawyers Association, Member

Areas of Experience

Corporate
Automotive Retail
Aviation and Aerospace
Corporate Finance and Lending
Capital Markets
Corporate Governance
Distressed Transactions and Corporate Restructuring
Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies
Healthcare M&A and Joint Ventures
International
Investment Management
M&A and Private Equity
Public Finance
Public-Private Partnerships
Real Estate Acquisitions and Sales
Real Estate Financing
Financial Services
Sports and Entertainment Law

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1973, cum laude
A.B., Harvard University, 1970, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

Bars

Florida
New York

Languages

Spanish

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- American Bar Association, Member
- Florida Bar Foundation, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Chambers USA*, 2003-2023, Ranked in Florida (South Florida) for Corporate/M&A and Private Equity; 2024-2025, Senior Statesman
- *Best Lawyers*, 2006-2025, Listed in Florida for Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, International Mergers & Acquisitions, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law
- *Best Lawyers*, 2013, 2020, Named as “Lawyer of the Year” for Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law in Miami
- *Best Lawyers*, 2022, 2024, Named “Lawyer of the Year” for Securities / Capital Markets in Miami
- *Best Lawyers*, 2024, Named “Lawyer of the Year” for Corporate Governance Law in Miami
- *Best Lawyers*, 2016, Named as “Lawyer of the Year” for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law in Miami
- *Best Lawyers*, 2015, 2019, 2025, Named as “Lawyer of the Year” for Mergers and Acquisitions Law in Miami
- *Lawdragon*, 2021-2022, 202-2025, Listed as a “Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers in America”
- *Who’s Who Legal*, Recommended for M&A and Governance, 2024, 2019; Recommended for M&A, 2021-2022
- *International Financial Law Review (IFLR) 1000*, Listed as “Highly Regarded” for M&A in Florida
- *Daily Business Review* 2013, Top Dealmaker Finalist for Corporate Finance
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2012, Listed as “Lawyer of the Year” for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law in Miami
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2006-2019, Listed in Florida for Mergers and Acquisitions, Securities and Corporate Finance, and Entertainment and Sports
- *South Florida Legal Guide* Top Lawyers 2012, 2014-2019 Listed for Corporate and Business, International
- *Florida Trend’s* Legal Elite 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, Listed for Business Law
- *The Legal 500* 2015-2021, Recommended for Mergers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts: M&A National Middle Market
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rated

Akerman Earns Top Rankings in 2025 *Chambers USA Guide*
June 09, 2025

Six Akerman Lawyers Selected
Among *Lawdragon’s* 500 Leading Dealmakers in America
October 29, 2024

Steven Roddenberry Discusses Private Equity Investment in the NFL
August 29, 2024