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Steve is Of Counsel to Stevens & Lee and General Counsel to GSL Government Consulting, our Platform's state and local government and concert touring operations consulting practice. Much of his practice is concentrated in working in the live events industry for GSL Touring LLC. As part of that practice, Steve was instrumental in assisting the Commonwealth to establish the Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program, a tax credit program designed to increase live events performances in Pennsylvania, as well as purchases of Pennsylvania live events goods and services. He advises and assists major musical performers obtain financial and tax incentives offered by state government, as well as brokers tax credit sales on their behalf. Additionally, he advises manufacturers of concert tour equipment and promoters of live events regarding their interactions with state government and serves as an industry resource to the Commonwealth's Department of Community and Economic Development.

The remainder of Steve's practice involves assisting state governments in increasing non-tax revenue options as well as reducing overall costs of services; assisting local governments and for-profit and nonprofit entities in obtaining financial incentives offered by state government; and assisting for-profit business entities in obtaining state tax credits.

For over 20 years, he represented Pennsylvania's governmental leadership on legal and legislative issues. He has the unique position of having provided counsel to elected officials in both chambers of the General Assembly and in the Executive Branch.

As former General Counsel to the Speaker, the Majority Leader and the Republican Caucus of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Steve served as Chief Legal Advisor to the Speaker and the Majority Leader. In this capacity, he was responsible for developing policy, advising on legal and budgetary issues and identifying opportunities for legislative initiatives, which encompassed both the drafting of legislation and negotiating and communicating the legislative issues to the Governor's Office, the Senate and outside interest groups. He also was responsible for approving debt issuances and monitoring the financial stability of institutions of higher education and public schools. Moreover, he provided oversight of gaming policy for both the Republican Senate and House Caucuses as demonstrated by his appointment to the Joint Legislative

Caucus/Gaming Board regulatory drafting group and as point person for gaming amendments during the House's consideration of both Acts 135 of 2006 (imposing increased financial requirements) and 1 of 2010 (authorizing table gaming). He also served as the lead draftperson for Act 89 of 2013, the comprehensive amendments to the Transportation and Vehicle Codes.

Prior to his service with the House of Representatives, Steve served as Deputy General Counsel to the Majority Leader and Republican Caucus of the Senate of Pennsylvania. He also served the Ridge and Schweiker Administrations as Assistant General Counsel to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the capacity of legislative counsel, overseeing the legislative and regulatory actions of over 400 attorneys in 18 Executive Offices and Departments including insurance, public welfare, health, banking, community and economic development and revenue.

As a significant part of Steve's service to the Commonwealth, he was instrumental in developing policy for and drafting and negotiating some of the most important and high-profile legislation in the Commonwealth, including the Procurement Code and Tax Reform Code as well as the establishment of the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Affiliations

- Live Events Association of Pennsylvania
- State Public School Building Authority, Liaison, 1995-2014
- Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Liaison, 1995-2014
- Legislative Audit Advisory Committee, Counsel, 2011-2014
- The Commonwealth Financing Authority, Liaison, 2004
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, PA delegation Chair, 1999-2003
- Independent Regulatory Review Commission, Liaison, 1999-2003

Recognition

- Recognized among "Harrisburg's Smartest Staffers" by Politics PA, 2012

Education

- Temple University School of Law, J.D.
- Drexel University, B.S., *cum laude*, in Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania