

MICHAEL T. STEWART

EXPERIENCE

Michael T. Stewart is presently in private law practice with the law firm of Peri & Stewart, LLC which focus on commercial matters with an emphasis on international transactions. Previously, he was a partner in the law firm of Caruso Smith Edell Picini, P.C., having joined from the Corporate Finance and Real Estate practice groups of a large, Pittsburgh-based law firm, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC. He concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate law, business transactions and real estate, technology matters, marijuana law, clean energy transactions, and shareholder disputes. He has had significant experience in international business transactions and foreign trade matters including U.S. Export Control regulations and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Mr. Stewart joined Klett Rooney, together with Steven Peri, from the firm of Peri & Stewart, L.L.C., which offered transactional and litigation services for corporations and other entities, with special attention to foreign-owned businesses seeking to establish, maintain or expand their presence in the U.S. Prior to his co-founding of the Peri & Stewart, L.L.C. law firm, he was a partner of the Norwegian-based law firm of Foyen & Co. He was an associate from 1986 to 1990 at the Short Hills, NJ law firm of Budd Lerner Gross Picillo Rosenbaum Greenberg & Sade. Mr. Stewart was engaged as the Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard Newman, J.S.C. for the 1985 term.

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS/MATTERS:

- Numerous stock and asset acquisitions of U.S. companies by U.S. and non-U.S. companies in various industries including technology and manufacturing.
- Representation of biomedical/biotechnical companies.
- Assisting companies establish international joint ventures involving implementation of geothermal and solar power technologies.
- Assisting non-U.S. companies establishing and expansion of subsidiaries in the United States.
- Counsel companies in the selection and structuring of distribution methods.
- Assist U.S. companies with acquisition of non-U.S. assets/companies.
- Export regulatory analysis and assistance to U.S. companies exporting to various countries, including Egypt, Libya, Iraq, Jordan, Singapore and China.
- Evaluation of and assistance with Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and boycott issues.
- Evaluation of Foreign Agent Registration issues.
- Assisting clients in obtaining approval of transactions from U.S. government agencies.
- Assisting clients in resolving disputes involving ownership interests in business and real estate development projects.
- Assisting clients in refinancing and restructuring of projects.
- Participating in commercial real estate sales and leasing transactions.
- Assisting with the financing and production of film and television projects, as well as related dispute resolution
- Counselling companies concerning NJ marijuana law issues.
- Counselling foundations and non-profit corporations.
- Litigation representing management or shareholders in minority shareholder oppression matters.
- Disputes involving terminated distributors.
- Litigation concerning unauthorized use of photographs.
- Real estate litigation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer at numerous Continuing Legal Education Programs in topics ranging from general corporate/business transactions, marijuana law, intellectual property matters and ethical issues implicated in business transactions.

PUBLICATIONS

- The CAN-SPAM Act of 2003 Comes to Life – Business Law Advisor (Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, PC)
- Criminal Liability Under New Jersey’s Corporate Officials Liability Statute – New Jersey Law Journal, August 2, 2004
- EU Domain Name Registration Fast Approaching - Business Law Advisor (Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC)
- International Trade Requires Specialized Due Diligence - Business Law Advisor (Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC); April 2007
- Liability of Corporate Officials & Others under the Malik Decision – Business Law Advisor (Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, PC)
- Market Turbulence and the U.S. Legal Landscape – SACC-Philly Update; 2008
- New Jersey Legislative Initiatives in Off-Shore Outsourcing – New Jersey State Bar Association, International Newsletter
- Product Distribution in the United States – SACC-Philly Update; 2005
- U.S. Export Regulations: An Overview – New Jersey Law Journal; 2006
- Biometrics Implementation and National Security – New Jersey Lawyer; June 2017

ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Scandinavian-American Business Forum, Inc. – *Founding Member*
- Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (New York) – *former Member, Board of Directors and Chairman of Membership Committee*
- Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (Philadelphia) – *Member, Board of Directors*
- Swedish American Chamber of Commerce (Philadelphia) – *former Member, Board of Directors*
- American Scandinavian Foundation – *Member*
- International Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association, International Law Section
- University of Chicago, Alumni Schools Committee
- Caldwell Public Library Foundation – *Member, Board of Directors*
- American Red Cross, Northern New Jersey Chapter – *former Member, Board of Directors*

EDUCATION

Mr. Stewart is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and earned his A.B. degree from the University of Chicago.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Stewart is admitted to practice law in the state and federal courts of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of International Trade.