



Stephen W. Lake



Steve Lake is a Shareholder at GableGotwals. He has more than 30 years of legal experience, both at a law firm and as General Counsel of publicly traded companies. He focuses on various business and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, energy transactions, corporate finance transactions, and commercial law matters. He has represented public and private companies in various M&A and financing transactions.

Steve previously served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel for ONEOK, Inc. (NYSE: OKE), a Fortune 500 energy company, and ONEOK Partners, a publicly-traded master limited partnership. Prior to that he served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel for McJunkin Red Man Corporation (NYSE: MRC), a distributor for the energy industry.

As General Counsel, Steve supervised the legal aspects of a number of significant transactions, including:

- Multiple M&A transactions
- Multiple public offerings of equity and debt
- Corporate and MLP “at-the-market” equity programs and commercial paper programs
- Spin-off of a publicly-traded natural gas utility company
- Roll-up (merger) of a publicly-traded master limited partnership with a public parent

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Representative Experience:

Mergers & Acquisitions:

- \$1.35 billion acquisition of natural gas liquids (NGL) business
- \$1+ billion auction bid to purchase crude oil pipeline assets
- \$1+ billion auction bid to purchase gas gathering and transportation assets
- \$645 million sale of oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) assets
- \$528 million sale of gas gathering and processing assets
- \$450 million acquisition of NGL pipeline development project
- \$435 million sale of refined petroleum products terminals
- \$345 million acquisition of gas pipeline systems

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SERVICES

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate & Securities
- Corporate Finance
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Commercial

EDUCATION

- J.D. with Highest Honors, University of Oklahoma
- B.A. *cum laude* with honors in economics, Vanderbilt University

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Tulsa County Bar Association

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Best Lawyers in America**, 2006 - 2026
Mergers and Acquisitions, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation, Energy Law, Oil and Gas Law, Corporate Law, Banking and Finance Law
- **Lawyer of the Year – Tulsa**
Energy Law, 2025
Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2022
Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2020, 2025
Securities Regulations, 2021, 2026
Oil and Gas Law, 2026
- **Chambers USA**, 2019-2026
Oklahoma Ranked Individual - Corporate/Commercial (Band 2)
- **Super Lawyers**, 2024-2025
Mergers & Acquisitions

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Financing Transactions:

- \$1.4 billion offering of senior notes
- \$800 million public offering of senior notes
- \$600 million public offering of senior notes
- \$402.5 million public offering of equity units
- \$400 million offering of senior notes
- \$350 million private placement of notes followed by registered exchange offer
- \$194 million secondary offering of common stock
- \$150 million public offering of common stock
- \$50 million purchase of convertible preferred units in an energy MLP

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