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As a trial attorney, Steve Lowenthal represents individual and business entities in all forms of trial and arbitration matters throughout the state and country including a variety of complex commercial matters. He has also developed a niche consulting practice, arising from his tenure at the Chairman of Farella (2005-2016), as a counselor to small, closely-held corporations, partnerships, law firms, trusts, or high net worth families dealing with operational issues, fiduciary duty questions, and related matters.

Professional services firms operating in competitive markets often find themselves grappling with complex legal and strategic issues relating to liability, strategic planning, structure, and similar questions. Addressing these issues requires an analysis of both the big picture, and operational details, and advice concerning their business activities.

Steve has a unique set of skills, drawn from the combination of his professional work as a litigator and his management roles at Farella. Whether he is analyzing the financial statements of a law or accounting firm, or meeting with and counseling the principals of an investment management firm, he represents an experienced, analytical, and forward-thinking voice that is a considerable competitive advantage for firms that benefit from a dispassionate, data-driven, and experienced point of view.

This same sense of pragmatism also guides Steve in his work as a litigator. He takes a decidedly businesslike approach to his practice of trial law, leading teams that provide practical advice, solutions, and efficient dispute resolution. His goal, where possible, is to seek a resolution of the dispute on terms favorable to his clients from a business and strategic perspective, but is prepared to handle the dispute through arbitration or trial when that approach is in the clients' best interests.

He has taught trial advocacy at the Stanford University Law School Advocacy Skills Workshop and at the trial advocacy workshop at the University of San Francisco Law School.

Distinctions

- Northern California Super Lawyers (2005, 2007-2019)

Memberships and Affiliations

- Past President of the Board of Governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Board member of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco
- Stanford Law School Center for the Legal Profession Advisory Committee
- Advisory Committee for the Project for Attorney Retention

Outside the Office

Steve is an enthusiastic (though not all that accomplished) golfer. He also loves travel, particularly to unusual destinations. Some of the more interesting spots have been Ethiopia, Madagascar, Torajaland, Kenya,

Services

- Business Litigation
- Antitrust
- Private Client

Education

- Stanford University (J.D., 1982)
- University of California, Berkeley (B.S., 1979)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court (N.D. Cal.)
- U.S. District Court (C.D. Cal.)
- Court of Federal Claims (Washington, D.C.)

Morocco and Papua New Guinea.