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Stephen McNamara represents issuers, underwriters and other market participants in connection with a wide range of public and private financing transactions, including SEC-registered offerings, Rule 144A issuances, private placements, tax-exempt financings, de-SPAC business combinations, high yield notes issuances, initial public offerings and liability management exercises.

He also advises clients on matters of public company reporting and corporate governance.

Stephen represents companies across a broad array of industries, with a particular focus on the public utilities and oil & gas sectors.

Stephen has been recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* in Capital Markets: Equity Offerings (2025) and Energy Transactions: Electric Power (2024), and by *Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation*, Corporate & Securities (2023-2024).

Industries

[Energy](#)

[Finance](#)

Practices

[Corporate & Securities](#)

[Power](#)

Experience

Public Utilities

Avangrid

- New York State Electric and Gas Corporation in connection with two Rule 144A issuances of green bonds raising an aggregate of \$1.275 billion
- New York State Electric and Gas Corporation in connection with its reoffering of \$100 million tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds

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- Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation in connection with two private placements of first mortgage bonds raising an aggregate of \$405 million
- The United Illuminating Company in connection with its reoffering of \$64 million of tax-exempt pollution control refunding revenue bonds

Avista

- Avista Corporation in connection with its periodic “ATM” program

DTE

- underwriters in connection with three SEC-registered senior notes issuances by DTE Energy Company raising an aggregate of \$2.85 billion
- underwriters in connection with DTE Electric Company’s SEC-registered issuance of \$1.2 billion of general and refunding mortgage bonds
- investors in connection with three private placements of first mortgage bonds by DTE Gas Company raising an aggregate of \$875 million

Nevada Power

- remarketing agents in connection with Nevada Power Company’s reoffering of \$93 million of tax-exempt pollution control refunding revenue bonds

PPL

- Louisville Gas and Electric Company in connection with its SEC-registered issuance of \$400 million of first mortgage bonds
- Kentucky Utilities Company in connection with its SEC-registered issuance of \$400 million of first mortgage bonds
- PPL Corporation, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company in connection with numerous credit agreement amendments

Tucson Electric Power

- underwriters in connection with two SEC-registered notes issuances by Tucson Electric Power Company raising an aggregate of \$700 million

Oil & Gas

Drilling Tools International

- Drilling Tools International, Inc. in connection with its de-SPAC business combination with ROC Energy Acquisition Corp.

EOG Resources

- underwriters in connection with EOG Resources, Inc.’s SEC-registered issuance of \$1 billion of senior notes

Ithaca Energy

- initial purchasers in connection with Ithaca Energy (North Sea) plc's proposed Rule 144A issuance of \$350 million of high yield notes*

Kosmos

- initial purchasers in connection with Kosmos Energy Ltd.'s Rule 144A issuance of \$400 million of high yield notes and concurrent SEC-registered issuance of common stock, both of which financed the acquisition of Anadarko WCTP*

Sable

- Sable Offshore Corp. in connection with its de-SPAC business combination with Flame Acquisition Corp.

Additional Transactions

ArcelorMittal

- underwriters in connection with four SEC-registered financings by ArcelorMittal, including offerings of senior notes, mandatorily convertible subordinated notes and common stock, raising an aggregate of \$4.2 billion*
- dealer managers in connection with ArcelorMittal's abbreviated tender offer for registered notes*

Coca-Cola European Partners

- Coca-Cola European Partners plc in connection with five Eurobond offerings*

Darden Restaurants

- underwriters in connection with Darden Restaurants, Inc.'s SEC-registered issuance of \$750 million of senior notes financing the acquisition of Chuy's Holdings, Inc.
- underwriters in connection with Darden Restaurants, Inc.'s SEC-registered issuance of \$500 million of senior notes

Eaton

- initial purchasers in connection with two Eurobond offerings of Eaton Corporation plc raising an aggregate of €2.6 billion*

O-I Glass

- the initial purchasers in connection with OI European Group B.V.'s Rule 144A issuance of \$400 million of senior notes*

Textron

- Textron Inc. in connection with two SEC-registered notes issuances raising an aggregate of \$850 million

Further Experience

High Yield Notes

- issuers and initial purchasers across the Americas and Europe in connection with more than 15 Rule 144A high yield notes issuances raising an aggregate of more than \$15 billion*

Initial Public Offerings

- issuers and underwriters across the United States and the EMEA region in connection with initial public offerings for both operating companies and SPACs*

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Credentials

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2017, *magna cum laude*
- Hood College, B.A., 2014, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York

Recognition

Legalease

- The Legal 500 United States, Capital Markets: Equity Offerings, 2025; Energy Transactions: Electric Power, 2024

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation*, Corporate & Securities, 2023 – 2024

Fordham University School of Law

- *Fordham Law Review*
- Moot Court Board