

## Steve Abrams

Partner

Philadelphia

### Biography

As a member of the Global Life Sciences Leadership Team, Steve Abrams works with clients in many areas of the life sciences ecosystem, such as oncology therapies, pain products, dermatology therapies, vaccines, diagnostics, medical devices and drug/device combinations, orphan drugs, and gene therapies. He also counsels a variety of companies that provide services to the life sciences industry.

Steve has successfully negotiated and completed a range of life sciences transactions, with a particular focus on capital market offerings (IPOs, follow-on offerings, ATMs, RDOs, PIPES, and private placements), collaboration/licensing transactions, and M&A transactions. Additionally, he regularly advises public and privately held clients, including boards of directors, on securities, governance, transactional, and a range of other complex issues.

Steve is a member of the board of directors of inTEST Corporation (NASDAQ: INTT), and a member of its Audit and Compensation Committees. He is Chair of its Nominating Committee as well. Steve is also a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Corporate Directors - Philadelphia Chapter. He has lectured in front of various groups and published articles on securities, governance, and M&A issues.



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### Practices

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Corporate Governance

Capital Markets

Securities and Public Company  
Advisory

Commercial

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### Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

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### Areas of focus

Shareholder Activism

## Representative experience

Represented a commercial-stage pharmaceutical company in US\$100m and US\$50m follow-on offerings led by Jefferies, Cowen, and Piper Jaffray.

Represented a commercial-stage pharmaceutical company on its US\$70m follow-on offering and US\$90m at-the-market offering.

Represented a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company on its US\$50m at-the-market offering.

Represented an Australian-based clinical-stage pharmaceutical company on its US\$40m private placement.

Represented a clinical-stage biotechnology company in US\$40m and US\$30m follow-on offerings and its US\$35m at-the-market offering.

Represented a publicly traded biotechnology company in its US\$63m sale.

Represented a publicly traded commercial-stage pharmaceutical company on an acquisition of a privately held specialty pharmaceutical company.

Represented a pre-clinical-stage pharmaceutical company in its US\$48m IPO of common stock through a syndicate of underwriters led by Jefferies and Piper Jaffray.\*

Represented a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company in its US\$80m IPO of common stock through a syndicate of underwriters led by Jefferies and Piper Jaffray.\*

Represented a NASDAQ Global Market developer and supplier of injectable drug delivery systems in a US\$45m underwritten offering of common stock.\*

Represented a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company in its US\$40m at-the-market equity program led by Cowen and Company.\*

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, cum laude, 1995

B.A., Rutgers University, summa cum laude, 1990

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

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Represented a publicly traded clinical stage pharmaceutical company in a US\$65.6m underwritten offering of common stock.\*

Represented a provider of integrated clinical documentation solutions for the U.S. health care system in a US\$130m acquisition.\*

Represented a provider of integrated promotional outsource services to life sciences companies in its US\$55m acquisition.\*

Represented a specialty pharmaceutical company in its US\$138m IPO of common stock through a syndicate of underwriters led by Jefferies and Piper Jaffray.

Represented a specialty pharmaceutical company in its acquisition of a commercial-stage specialty pharmaceutical company and related equity and debt financing.

Represented a clinical-stage oncology company in its reverse merger into a NASDAQ-listed public company.

Represented a specialty pharmaceutical company in its co-promotional agreement with a major orthopaedic company.

Represented a commercial-stage specialty pharmaceutical company in its US\$120m follow-on public offering through a syndicate of underwriters led by Jefferies and Piper Jaffray.

Represented Arbutus Biopharma Corporation on an at-the-market equity offering led by Jefferies.

\*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

## Awards and rankings

- Finance: Capital Markets: Equity Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Life Sciences Star, *LMG Life Sciences*, 2018-2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - COVID-19 U.S.: Considerations for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC staff issues important guidance on shareholder proposals for the 2020 proxy season *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC staff announces changes to processing of shareholder proposal no-action requests *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC proposes to amend requirements for disclosure on business, legal proceedings and risk factors *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - SEC adopts rule amendments under the FAST Act to modernize and simplify disclosure *SEC Update*
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells represents OptiNose in public offering