

Leading Private Equity and Securities Attorney Steven T. Anapoell Joins Carlton Fields in Los Angeles

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Firm Continues Expansion of Business Transactions Practice on West Coast **Los Angeles, Calif. –** Carlton Fields is pleased to announce the continued growth of its Los Angeles office with the addition of prominent corporate attorney Steven T. Anapoell. Anapoell is a former managing partner and former general counsel of BridgeForth Capital. He is also recognized as one of the top EB-5 program securities attorneys in the United States and is considered a thought leader in that industry. Anapoell has more than three decades of experience, including as a founding shareholder of Greenberg Traurig's Orange County, California, office. Anapoell's practice focuses on private equity, fund formation, private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and real estate syndications. He has served as lead corporate and securities counsel on some of the largest private real estate offerings in the United States. His experience also includes a wide range of other industries, including technology and software, entertainment, renewable energy, oil and gas, sporting goods, life settlements, and medical devices. Steve also represents acquirers, sellers, and others in connection with a wide variety of both public and private transactions. "Adding a lawyer of Steve's transactional law breadth and experience is an important move in the development of our transactional team both nationally and in Los Angeles," said James Walker IV, national chair of the firm's Business Transactions Practice and a California attorney. "It also shows the growth of Carlton Fields' West Coast capacity by almost 40% in the past six months, a symbol of the firm's commitment to be a force in the Los Angeles legal community." In September 2019, transactional [Shareholders William Mark Levinson and Brad S. Markoff](#) joined the firm's Los Angeles office, each bringing decades of experience in a wide range of corporate transactions. Carlton Fields recently [earned national rankings](#) in Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, and Securities/Capital Markets Law in the 2020 *U.S. News and World Report* and *Best Lawyers*® "Best Law Firms" guide. With an advanced law degree in taxation, Anapoell brings together a deep

understanding of both corporate and tax issues to provide his clients with comprehensive and integrated solutions to their business and transactional needs. Clients regularly look to him for his business-oriented and innovative solutions to overcoming structural roadblocks, as well as his understanding of the corporate, tax, and business issues they confront. Anapoell's extensive experience in these areas allows him to assist clients with entity formation, financings, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, and other business endeavors in a tax-efficient manner and to avoid costly pitfalls. "We are committed to executing on our clients' objectives while bringing them value. Steve's technical depth and breadth, combined with his experience in complex transactions, further enables us to meet that goal," said Mark Levinson, West Coast Chair, Business Transactions and Finance. "Steve was my partner prior to his in-house role, and I am delighted to be working with a practical-minded, entrepreneurial lawyer of Steve's caliber." Anapoell is the author of "Drafting a Private Placement Memorandum Under Regulation D" and a co-author of "Issuing Common Shares to Founders and Investors," both in *Financing and Protecting California Businesses*, published by Continuing Education of the Bar – California. He is also a co-editor and co-author of the *Guide to Organizing and Operating a Limited Liability Company in California* (second edition), published by the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California. Anapoell is the former chair and vice chair of the Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies Committee of the California Lawyers Association and has been included numerous times in *Los Angeles Magazine's* list of Southern California Super Lawyers in the areas of securities and corporate finance, business and corporate, and tax. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Anapoell earned his LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, his J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law, and his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley. "Carlton Fields offers my practice an excellent platform, including outstanding practices in areas such as mergers and acquisitions, real estate, construction, and tax," Anapoell said. "I'm excited to work with such skilled and collegial lawyers in the firm's Los Angeles office and nationwide."

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