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Stephen J. Szabo III is a partner and real estate business lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP. He focuses his practice on the areas of commercial real estate; golf course, marina, recreation, and resort development law; leasing and finance; commercial lending; and state taxation. Steve is counsel to large residential developers of both high-end condominium projects and planned unit developments as well as assisted living communities. He also works for owners/developers of apartment complexes and shopping centers and has extensive experience representing lenders on multi-state loan transactions. Steve is a member of the firm's Real Estate Practice, its Hospitality & Leisure Practice and the Health Care & Life Sciences Sector.

Awards and Recognition

- Peer review rated as AV Preeminent®, the highest performance rating in the Martindale-Hubbel® Peer Review Ratings™ system
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© in the fields of:
 - Real Estate Law (2006-2026)
 - Leisure and Hospitality Law (2015-2026)
- Selected for inclusion in the 2006-2018 *Florida Super Lawyers*® lists
- Recognized as one of Florida's Legal Elite™ by *Florida Trend* magazine in 2005
- Recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the practice area of Real Estate (2022-2025)

Affiliations

- Member of The Florida Bar and the Hillsborough County Bar Association

Sectors

- [Hospitality & Leisure](#)

Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Financial Institutions
- Post-Acute Care & Senior Housing
- Real Estate

Education

- Cornell Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1990)
- Kenyon College (B.A., cum laude with honors, 1983)
 - Economics

Admissions

- Florida