



Steve Brooks is a founding partner of **Eldridge Brooks Partners**.

and a former partner at Arkansas' largest law firm, Friday Eldredge & Clark. Most recently, Steve was a partner at NewRoad Capital Partners, one of the state's largest venture capital and growth equity investment firms where he oversaw private capital formation and strategy and mergers and acquisitions activities and led investments in healthcare, software technologies, e-commerce, energy infrastructure, and retail and e-commerce businesses. Prior to NewRoad, Brooks was a partner in the private equity and mergers and acquisitions practice group of Friday Eldredge & Clark, Arkansas' largest law firm, from 2003 until 2013. Steve represented lower middle market issuers across the U.S. in private offerings of securities; structuring private equity funds and offerings; acquisitions and divestitures, as well as partnership and corporate tax matters. From 1995 to 2000, Brooks practiced as a CPA in both the private and public sectors in the tax section of Frost PLLC, Arkansas' largest public accounting firm and was senior tax accountant with Tyson Foods, Inc.

Steve graduated from the Sam M. Walton College of Business in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration as an Accounting major and graduated *cum laude* from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2003 and was a distinguished member of the Law Review.

Brooks is a member of the Arkansas and Texas Bars, is admitted to the United States Tax Court, has served as an Associate Justice on the Arkansas Supreme Court, and is ranked by Chambers USA and Super Lawyers as one of America's leading lawyers for mergers and acquisitions.

Steve has over 20 years of experience advising and investing in private capital funds, private companies, as well as advising limited partners and funds of funds. His practice is rooted in his broad experiences working with emerging high growth companies, investors, and funds, both in business and as a lawyer.

Steve and his three children – Matthew, Eli, and Maggie Anne – live in Rogers, AR.

Current Representative Real Estate and Financing Clients:

- Large multifamily/multi-use developer based in NWA, currently focused on senior housing developments
- Commercial Real estate development sponsor based in NWA with large project on I-49 anchored by hospital
- Large Multifamily housing acquisition fund based in Tulsa, OK with over 20 acquisitions and financings completed

- Commercial Real Estate development firm based in Denver, CO on a special financing project for a dine-in theater concept in Fayetteville, AR
- Top Golf with respect to a special financing project for its recently completed property in Rogers, AR
- Residential real estate private REIT based in Ft. Worth TX and Fayetteville, AR
- Residential single family/townhome development fund based in NWA with active acquisitions and financings
- \$50M Sponsored SPV acquisition of \$50M stabilized mixed use development in Rogers, AR
- One of the largest student housing development firms in the southeast, from land acquisition, construction financing, permanent financings with FRMC, and sale to international purchasers (prior representation)
- Various regional banks on land acquisition and construction financings