



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 and private companies, as well as advising limited partners, sponsors 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.

Current Representative private fund and sponsor clients:

- Independent Sponsor based in Austin, TX with focused investments in late stage (pre-IPO) rounds in high-growth healthcare tech and education tech companies, with over 10 investments closed
- Independent Sponsor based in NY, NY, a former senior executive with SAP focused on control acquisitions of large software platform companies, including international transactions
- Private Debt Fund based in Austin, TX focused on structured lending to mature recurring revenue software platforms

- Growth Fund based in Austin, TX focused on senior equity investments in high-growth software companies
- Growth Equity fund based in NWA, with 3 closed funds focused on growth equity investments in the healthcare, logistics, marketing, and consumer goods industries
- Commercial Real Estate Sponsor based in NWA focused on stabilized commercial property acquisitions
- Multifamily Housing Fund focused on acquisitions in Tulsa, OK with over 20 acquisitions and financings completed
- Commercial Real Estate Sponsor based in Denver, CO focused on entertainment anchored developments
- Residential real estate private REIT based in Ft. Worth TX
- Private Equity Fund based in Tulsa, OK focused on buyouts
- Fund of Funds based in NWA and Tulsa focused on fund investments in European banking industry through a UK based fund with specific focus on bank technologies, and direct investments in several European banks and technology firms
- Residential Fund focused on single family/townhome development based in NWA with active acquisitions and financings
- Sponsored Financings for 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 sponsored equity transactions related to control acquisitions or buyouts