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Avy Stein is a managing partner of Willis Stein & Partners, responsible for managing the affairs of the approximately \$3 billion of private equity capital. These responsibilities include initiating investment opportunities, structuring acquisitions, advising portfolio management teams and arranging for the disposition of partnership investments in the firm's target industries of education, consumer products and services, and business services. Mr. Stein serves on the board of directors of several of the firm's portfolio companies including: Aavid Thermal Technologies, Inc., CompuPay, Inc., Education Corporation of America, Merit Health Systems Corporation, Roundy's Inc., Strategic Materials, Inc., and Velocitel, LLC. Mr. Stein is also the lead director of a former Willis Stein portfolio company, Interval Leisure Group.

He began his career at Kirkland & Ellis in 1980. His career path changed to the business world in 1983, when he became president of the oil and gas exploration and production subsidiary, Cook International. He also served as the parent company's vice president of corporate planning and legal affairs. He later formed his own company making and managing acquisitions in the electronic security industry. From 1989-1994, he served as managing director for Continental Illinois Venture Corp. He co-founded Willis Stein in 1994. Willis Stein has acquired fifty platform companies and has made in excess of one hundred follow-on acquisitions.

Mr. Stein serves on the board of directors of several civic institutions including: CCA (Civic Consulting Alliance), the Chicago Humanities Festival, the Ravinia Festival, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, and the University of Illinois Foundation. He is a co-chairman of the Development Council for B.U.I.L.D., an organization that provides career and educational development for inner-city youth. He has been an instructor or guest lecturer at Harvard Law School, the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, New York University and Columbia University Graduate Schools, Princeton University, The University of Illinois Business School and The Venture Capital Institute.

Education

B.S., University of Illinois, 1977
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