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## Education

J.D., Pace University School of Law,  
1997 (*magna cum laude*; Editor,  
*Pace Law Review*)

B.S., State University of New York,  
Oswego, 1991

## Bar Admissions

New York

Steven Messina is global head of Skadden's Finance Group. He represents investment banks, commercial banks, private equity funds and corporations in connection with a wide range of U.S. and international syndicated and other corporate financing transactions, including acquisition financings, leveraged buyouts, bridge financings, investment grade financings, asset-based loans, infrastructure financings, mezzanine loans, corporate recapitalizations and debtor-in-possession financings.

Notable representations include:

- Elon Musk in connection with \$13 billion of secured debt financing facilities related to his \$44 billion acquisition of Twitter
- Blue Owl and its portfolio company STACK Infrastructure in numerous financings, including:
  - a \$960 million financing to support the construction and fit-out of a 60 MW purpose-built data center complex in San Jose County, California
  - an \$825 million financing to support the construction and fit-out of a 53 MW purpose-built data center complex in Prince William County, Virginia
  - an \$820 million financing to support the construction and completion of a 60 MW campus in Portland, Oregon
  - a \$655 million financing to support the construction and fit-out of a 79 MW purpose-built data center complex in Douglas County, Georgia
- JAB Holding Company in connection with:
  - a \$3 billion credit facility related to its \$7.5 billion acquisition of Panera Bread
  - a \$2.8 billion credit facility related to its pending acquisition of National Veterinary Associates from Ares Management
  - a \$495 million credit facility to support its acquisition of Compassion-First Pet Hospitals from Quad-C Management Inc.
  - a \$500 million credit facility related to its \$1.35 billion acquisition of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
  - a \$2.4 billion unsecured credit facility to finance the acquisition of Dr Pepper Snapple by its portfolio company Keurig Green Mountain
- Coty, Inc. in connection with:
  - \$9 billion of credit facilities related to its acquisition of Procter & Gamble's fragrance and cosmetics business in a reverse Morris trust transaction
  - €400 million of incremental term loan facilities related to its acquisition of the beauty and personal care businesses of Hypermarcas
- Permira Advisers, LLC in connection with:
  - a \$195 million secured debt financing for its portfolio company LYMI, Inc. (The Reformation)
  - a \$485 million secured debt financing related to its acquisition of Pharmacord
- Endo International PLC in a variety of matters, including advising on the financing and capital structure aspects of:
  - its \$8.05 billion acquisition of Par Pharmaceuticals Holdings, Inc.
  - its acquisition of Paladin Labs, Inc., a Canadian company, through the formation of a new Irish holding company, including the issuance of \$700 million of notes, \$1.5 billion term loan facility and \$750 million revolving credit facility

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- United Natural Foods with respect to a \$1.95 billion first-lien credit facility and \$2 billion asset-based credit facility in connection with its acquisition of SUPERVALU
  - AbbVie Inc. with respect to:
    - a £13.5 billion bridge loan facility and related financing transactions in connection with its proposed \$55 billion acquisition of Shire plc
    - a three-year \$2 billion term loan credit facility
  - Becton, Dickenson and Company in connection with:
    - a \$15.6 billion bridge loan facility, \$2.25 billion term loan facility and \$2.25 billion revolving credit agreement related to its \$24 billion acquisition of Bard Corporation
    - a \$9 billion bridge loan facility and \$1 billion term loan facility related to its \$12.2 billion acquisition of CareFusion Corp.
  - IAA, Inc. with respect to a \$1.025 billion credit facility in connection with its spin-off from KAR Auction Services Inc.
  - Kelso & Co. with respect to:
    - senior secured and mezzanine financings related to its acquisition of Physicians Endoscopy, L.L.C.
    - a \$475 million senior secured credit facility related to its acquisition of the assets of Plan B One-Step from Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
    - a \$540 million credit facility to support its acquisition of a co-controlling stake in Progressive Solutions from affiliates of StonePoint Capital
  - Kelso & Co. and affiliates of Blue Wolf Capital Partners in connection with \$935 million of senior secured credit facilities related to their acquisition of Jordan Health Services from Palladium Equity Partners
  - Hg Capital with respect to:
    - a \$205 million credit facility related to its acquisition of Litera Microsystems
    - a \$225 million credit facility related to its acquisition of Corepoint Heath, LLC
    - an \$82 million credit facility related to its acquisition of Rhapsody
  - Amulet Capital Partners, LP with respect to:
    - \$50 million of senior secured credit facilities in connection with its acquisition of SynteractHCR Holdings Corporation
    - a \$70 million credit facility to support its acquisition of a management services organization
  - Goldman Sachs in connection with a \$450 million term and revolving loan financing and \$175 million incremental term loan financing for MA-COM Technology Solutions
  - Deutsche Bank in connection with a \$1.65 billion term and revolving credit facility for Extended Stay America
  - Credit Suisse AG in connection with:
    - a \$450 million first-lien credit facility and \$170 million second-lien credit facility to finance the acquisition of JCF Ascensus Holdings, Inc. by Genstar Capital
    - its arrangement of a fully underwritten covenant-lite \$5 billion senior secured term loan to Fortescue Metals Group Limited
    - a \$650 million first-lien credit facility and \$60 million asset-based credit facility to finance the acquisition of Tekni-Plex, Inc. by Genstar Capital
  - D.E. Master Blenders, the Dutch-based European coffee company, and its shareholder, the German private investment group JAB Holding Company in its \$11 billion U.S. leveraged financing in connection with its merger with Mondelēz International's coffee unit. This financing was awarded Loan Deal of the Year at the 2015 *IFLR* European Awards
  - Kemper Corporation in connection with a \$550 million credit facility
  - Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. in connection with multiple credit facilities
  - Leidos Holdings, Inc. in connection with \$3.4 billion of credit facilities related to its acquisition of Lockheed Martin's Information Systems & Global Solutions segment in a reverse Morris trust transaction
  - Centene Corp. in connection with a \$1 billion term loan facility related to its \$6.8 billion acquisition of Health Net, Inc.
  - Moody's Corporation in connection with a \$1.5 billion bridge loan facility and \$500 million term loan facility related to its €3 billion acquisition of Bureau van Dijk
  - Realogy Corporation in a number of finance transactions, including its \$1.1 billion senior term and revolving credit facility
- Mr. Messina has been repeatedly selected for inclusion in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers USA*. He has also been recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*, including as its 2025 Lawyer of the Year in the New York Banking and Finance Law category, named one of *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Dealmakers in America and honored as a leading lawyer by *IFLR1000*.
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