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Steve Cannon is Chairman of Constantine Cannon LLP and the Managing Partner of Constantine Cannon's Washington, D.C. office.

Prior to joining the firm on February 1, 2005, Steve served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Circuit City Stores, Inc., a Fortune 200 retailer of consumer electronics with approximately \$10 billion in annual sales. As Circuit City's Chief Legal and Public Policy Officer, Steve was responsible for the management of all legal and policy issues including corporate governance, SEC/FCC/FTC regulatory matters, antitrust, consumer credit, mergers and acquisitions/divestitures, litigation, employment, intellectual property as well as government affairs. As Corporate Secretary, Steve was responsible for the coordination of all Circuit City Board of Directors meetings and related activities. He was a member of the Circuit City Executive Committee and reported directly to the Chief Executive Officer.

Prior to joining Circuit City in 1994, Steve was a partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of Wunder, Diefenderfer, Ryan, Cannon & Thelen, where he concentrated his practice in antitrust, trade regulation and administrative law involving both litigation and regulatory matters as well as legislative advocacy. In particular, Steve focused his practice in the telecommunications, pharmaceutical and retail industries.

Before joining Wunder, Diefenderfer in 1986, Steve spent 10 years in government service in Washington, D.C. After a clerkship with the South Carolina Supreme Court, Steve received an appointment under the U. S. Justice Department's Honors Law Graduate Program and served as a trial lawyer in the Antitrust Division from 1977 to 1981.

In 1981, Steve was appointed Chief Antitrust Counsel to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. Serving in this position from 1981-1984 (97th and 98th Congresses), Steve had overall staff responsibility for all antitrust legislation, as well as Department of Justice Antitrust Division oversight. As Chief Antitrust Counsel, he coordinated preparation of antitrust legislation including hearings, committee markups and floor debates. Antitrust legislation enacted by Congress during Steve's tenure included:

- The Antitrust Reciprocity Act of 1982 (P.L. 97-393)
- The National Cooperative Research Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-462)
- The Local Government Antitrust Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-544)

In 1985, Steve returned to the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department as Deputy Assistant Attorney General. As a political appointee, he was responsible for coordinating the Reagan Administration's policy positions on antitrust matters, including all antitrust legislation. Steve was also responsible for all Antitrust Division appellate matters and, in this capacity, argued before the United States Supreme Court as amicus curiae on behalf of the United States in *324 Liquor Corp. v. Duffy*, 107 SCT 720 (1987).

Over the course of his career, Steve has served in numerous professional, civic and business organizations. Most recently, Steve was appointed by Senate Majority Leader Frist to serve on the Antitrust Modernization Commission. Composed of 12 appointees, the Commission is charged with examining the broad scope of the nation's antitrust laws and determining what, if any, changes might be appropriate and beneficial to our 21st century economy.

Steve has also served in various capacities in the ABA's Section of Antitrust Law, including Chairman of the Legislation Committee as well as a three year term on the Section Council.

More recently, Steve was appointed by current ABA President, Robert Grey, to a special committee to examine the current status of attorney-client privilege in American jurisprudence. He is also a member of the Committee of Corporate General Counsel of the ABA Section of Business Law.

In addition to these bar activities, Steve serves on the Board of Directors of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce National Litigation Center.

A native of South Carolina, Steve received both his undergraduate and law degree from the University of South Carolina. Steve is married to Barbara Gordon and they have two daughters, Katy and Caroline.