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Heather Steinmiller serves as Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Conner Strong & Buckelew.

Prior to joining Conner Strong & Buckelew, Steinmiller served as in-house employment counsel for a publicly traded company, which had assets worth more than \$49 billion and employed over 15,000 individuals. In that role, she provided daily advice on labor and employment matters and served as the company's first and only in-house labor and employment counsel. In 2007, Steinmiller was one of two in-house lawyers who assisted in the acquisition of that company, which was recognized by American Lawyer as one of the Big Deals of 2007.

Prior to joining the company, Steinmiller was a member of the Employment, Benefits and Labor Practice Group of Blank Rome LLP where she represented public and private employers before federal and state courts and administrative agencies, concerning all aspects of employment and labor law. In addition, she represented a variety of public entities with bid procedures, contracting and sunshine law compliance and represented a large public school, whom she assisted in revising its Code of Student Conduct and its discipline procedures.

Admitted to practice in PA and NJ, Steinmiller received her law degree, cum laude, from Villanova University School of Law, and her B.A. from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. During her time at Villanova, she was a member of the Environmental Journal, where she served as Symposium Editor. Her article, "The Steel Industry Watch Out! The Kyoto Protocol is Lurking" was selected for publication. (See Heather A. Steinmiller, Steel Industry Watch Out! The Kyoto Protocol is Lurking, 11 VILE. ENVTL. L.J. 161 (2000)).

Steinmiller was one of the founding board members of the Pennsylvania Young Professionals Board, a member of the Young Professionals Network and a 2006 Fellow for the Center for Progressive Leadership. In addition, 2005-2006, she energized young professionals in the Philadelphia region by organizing a number of roundtable discussions, focused on relevant issues such as tax reform, with young professionals and elected officials.

Steinmiller currently serves on the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority Board, KIPP Philadelphia School Board, National Advisory Council of First Book and volunteers her time with the Support Center for Child Advocates representing abused and neglected children. In 2006, the Pennsylvania Bar Association recognized Steinmiller for her exceptional contribution to improving civil legal aid in Pennsylvania when it awarded her its Annual Pro Bono Award.

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