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Stephen Deane, CFA, is Senior Director of Capital Markets Policy at CFA Institute and is based in Washington, DC. Stephen joined CFA Institute in 2020 after more than nine years at the US Securities and Exchange Commission (US SEC), where he worked in the Office of the Investor Advocate.

Stephen spoke at the Canadian Securities Administrators Corporate Finance Conference in Winnipeg in 2024, and he testified on retail access to private markets before the US SEC Investor Advisory Committee in June of this year. Forthcoming appearances include the 2026 Corporate Finance Conference of the North American Securities Administrators Association and the Pension & Investments Convergence 2026 inaugural flagship event. Stephen was recently quoted in Bloomberg's Going Private newsletter (June 24), and his articles have appeared in publications such as Barron's and Institutional Investor. He is co-author of Continuation Funds: Ethics in Private Markets | Part 1 and author of Part Two in the series, scheduled to be released in coming weeks.

Stephen earned a B.A. in Liberal Arts (Great Books Program) from St. John's College and a Master's in Russian Studies from Harvard University. He holds a CFA Charter and a Private Equity Certificate from Wharton Online & Wall Street Prep.

Stephen is a great fan of Montreal, Quebec City, and the Quebec countryside. His wife's family comes from Sherbrooke.