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**Stephen V. King, *Founding Partner***

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Steve King formed Prairie Capital with Bryan Daniels in 1997, and shares overall management responsibility for Prairie. Steve is responsible for deal generation and overseeing due diligence, deal structuring, and negotiation, along with fundraising and investor relations.

Steve also has portfolio management responsibilities, and currently participates on the board of six of Prairie Capital's portfolio companies, including Damac Products, DRB Systems, Industrial Water Treatment Solutions, Pioneer Metal Finishing, R3 Education and Right At School. Prior to founding Prairie Capital, Steve led the formation of ANB Mezzanine Corporation (then a subsidiary of First Chicago Corporation), serving as its initial President. Steve graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in Finance. He received his MBA from the University of Chicago and his JD from Loyola University.

Steve is on the Board of Directors of First Busey Corporation (NASDAQ: BUSE). He is also a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow and past chairman of the National Association of Small Business Investment Companies. Steve is active in various civic and community organizations with a particular interest in education.

He is currently on the Board of Directors of Arc of Hope, Big Shoulders Fund, Boys Hope/Girls Hope of Illinois and Loyola Academy. For additional information about these organizations, please see the Civic Engagement section of this website. He lives in Evanston, IL with his wife and four children.