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Steven Ryan joined Prairie Capital Advisors in 2018. He specializes in helping business owners transition their business via an internal (ESOP/MBO/family) or external (strategic/PE/family office) transition. He has over twenty-five years of new business and banking experience with clients throughout the country. Steve has led commercial banking teams that interact with business owners and C-level executives of private and public companies. Throughout his career, he has acted as a trusted advisor to many privately held companies to assist them with growth initiatives, business transitions and liquidity events. Steve frequently presents on a variety of topics, including ownership transition alternatives, financing ESOPs and capital allocation in a wide variety of venues, such as the National Center for Employee Ownership, The ESOP Association, as well as Prairie webinars. Steve is chair of the national ESOP committee and chair of the Chicago ESOP committee for the Private Directors Association. In addition, he is a member of the Snow City Arts organization, where he served as a treasurer. He is also a board member of the Indian Boundary Y.M.C.A, a Chicago Metropolitan Y.M.C.A affiliate, where he has served as an annual fundraising chairperson and major gift chairperson.

