



JAMES M. HILL
8/30/53 – 12/13/16

Remembering our friend and colleague

Benesch is sad to note the passing of our longtime partner, colleague and friend, James M. Hill.

Jim was a partner at Benesch for nearly 30 years, having joined the firm in 1987. He served as Benesch's Managing Partner from 1999 to 2007 and was instrumental in growing the firm.

Above all, Jim was a consummate deal maker with exceptional business acumen. He focused his practice on publicly and privately held growth companies in addition to representing equity funds, mezzanine funds and family offices. Jim built a nationally-recognized private equity practice. He especially enjoyed working with family-owned business, having grown up in a family-owned building materials manufacturing business. Jim was very active and valued as a strategic advisor to companies as they evolved, and sat on a number of boards of directors.

Jim was always eager to do deals and build relationships to help clients. He truly was a leader in client service and an excellent lawyer who kept in touch with all legal industry trends.

Jim perennially earned recognition from *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] and was selected by *Chambers USA* as a 2015 Leader in his Field (Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions).

Jim most recently served as Vice Chairman of Benesch, Chair of its Private Equity Group, an Executive Committee Member, and an active and practicing member of its Corporate & Securities Practice Group. Jim frequently spoke at national conferences.

All of us in the Benesch family mourn Jim's passing and extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Freda, and their children and grandchild. Jim left big shoes to fill, and we will work hard to honor his many contributions to the firm by building on his strong platform of growth and continuing his legacy of excellence.