

“It’s very gratifying to turn on your computer and see a front-page announcement about a project you’ve been working on for months, and then see it come to fruition.”

—Adam N. Saurwein, Associate

Benesch
Attorneys at Law





“I grew up in Cleveland something different what I was looking for”

Adam Saurwein’s appreciation for his hometown took hold early, when he made the daily trip from his suburban Cleveland neighborhood to his high school’s urban campus. Seeing the richness and diversity of the city kindled a keen interest in the environment, architecture and real estate, and a love of city living. After moving away to experience other cities during college and through study and travel abroad, today he’s come full circle. He’s back in his hometown, pursuing his passion as a lawyer in the thick of Cleveland’s revitalization.

Favorite Lawyer Movie n/a

I’m the opposite of a lot of lawyers in that, in my recreational time, I don’t want to watch a movie about lawyers! I’m a big fan of the Coen brothers. *Miller’s Crossing* and *The Big Lebowski* are some of my favorites.

Favorite APP Yelp

I love eating out and, as a bonus, the reviews can be quite entertaining.

Favorite Vacation Activity Mountain climbing

Two years ago I climbed Mt. Baker in Washington and recently climbed its neighbor, Mt. Shuksan—not as tall but technically more difficult. Its Fisher Chimney route is called the K2 of the Cascades.

Favorite Website Sadly, Amazon

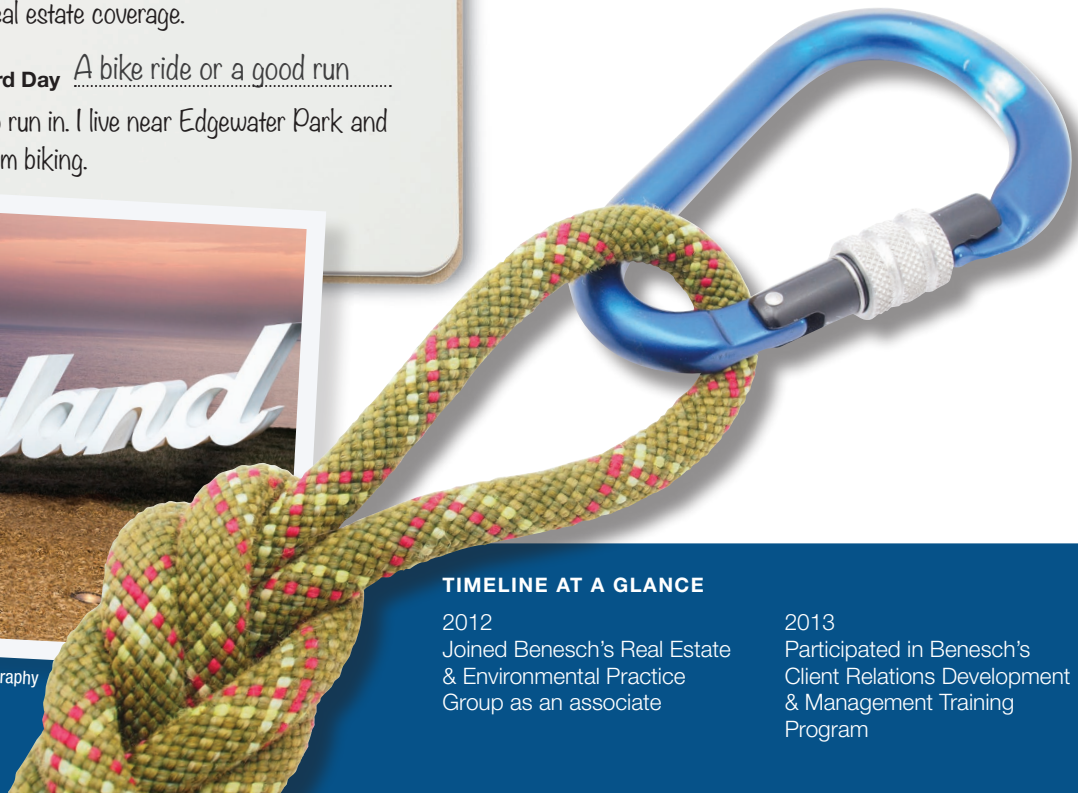
I have a group of sites I go back to often—Amazon, Cleveland.com, LinkedIn. The *New York Times* has a great travel section online, and the *Wall Street Journal* has excellent real estate coverage.

Favorite Way to Unwind After a Hard Day A bike ride or a good run

Cleveland has great metro parks to run in. I live near Edgewater Park and run there a lot. If I’m not running, I’m biking.



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TIMELINE AT A GLANCE

2012
Joined Benesch’s Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group as an associate

2013
Participated in Benesch’s Client Relations Development & Management Training Program

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Adam had not been looking to make a career move when a recruiter contacted him about the possibility of joining Benesch. The opportunity to concentrate in his preferred practice specialty and participate in exceptional personal and professional development activities was enticing. Still, he wasn't unhappy in his current position and was leery of risking a change he might regret.

“It was tough to get me to look at Benesch initially, but I have not looked back since. It's been a really incredible experience.”

Ultimately, Adam credits the “genuinely great people” he met at Benesch throughout the interviewing process for giving him the comfort he needed to make the jump. He joined the firm's Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group as a lateral in 2012. Soon he was immersed in real estate development deals and in personal development activities ranging from intensive how-to business development seminars to mega industry conferences to a year-long program fostering leadership and civic involvement through Cleveland Bridge Builders.

Adam acknowledges the rarity of finding a firm willing to devote significant cost and time to associate development, and says his experiences at Benesch have been invaluable. He frequently joins the firm's senior partners at business development events with clients and prospects and feels fortunate to have a strong mentor and friend in his practice leader.

“Benesch is much more focused than any other firm I've come across on developing each of us individually as technically great attorneys and also supporting us in our business development efforts and our efforts to reach out to the community and become part of it.”

Adam continues to leverage and build the relationships he's formed both on the job working with clients and through his personal and community development activities. As a senior associate in his practice, he is the primary contact for many clients and routinely quarterbacks deals.

Adam thrives on the thrill of being an active insider in the growth and development of not only a city he loves but also the community he lives in. His home in the Garden Square neighborhood puts him in the heart of a vibrant urban setting, just a short jog away from the lakefront and only a few miles from the office. He loves being in the middle of the action and is quick to take advantage of all the city offers, whether a PechaKucha night or a “Told” storytelling session (founded by a fellow Bridge Builders graduate) or a concert in the park.

Working at Benesch, Adam has been able to integrate the way he works, lives and plays so that each supports the others, and together support a strong and growing Cleveland.

Adam's Worthy Causes

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

Ambassador, Partner in Justice

“While my passion for law revolves around being involved in large, complex real estate development transactions, it's important to give back to the less fortunate in the community. Supporting the Legal Aid Society is a way to assure that low-means and vulnerable individuals have access to high-quality legal services.”

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Volunteer

“I've been a very active alum, participating in both the mock interview program and serving as an alumni mentor to a current law student. It's a way to give back, honoring the people who helped me along the way and helping others get a foothold in the profession.”



2013
Named to the firm's Associate
Development Committee

2014
Graduated from Cleveland
Bridge Builders, sponsored
by the Cleveland Leadership
Center

2015
Joined the firm's Lateral
Recruiting Committee



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