E-NEWS AND EVENTS FROM BENESCH FRIEDLANDER COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP

**March 2011** 

### Kirchick and Kuhar Named Practice Group Chairs

Benesch is pleased to announce that Ross J. Kirchick has been named Chair of the Commercial Finance & Banking Practice Group and Deviani M. Kuhar has been named Chair of the Estate Planning & Probate Practice Group.

Ross focuses his practice on representing banks, financial institutions, borrowers (including for-profit and not-for-profit) and investors in connection with commercial lending and finance transactions. He has considerable commercial lending and finance transaction experience handling loan documentation, modification, maintenance and administration, as well as workouts and recapitalizations in a wide range of complex financing structures.

Deviani focuses her practice on working with clients in reaching their personal estate planning goals. She has assisted clients in implementing a wide range of sophisticated estate planning techniques. Deviani works with many business owners to implement succession plans.

## Kasich Appoints Fiore to COTC Board

Benesch is pleased to announce that Governor John Kasich appointed Billie J. Fiore to the Board of Trustees of Central Ohio Technical College (COTC). Effective February 4, 2011, Billie will serve as a member of the board through September 30, 2013. Billie works in government relations with the firm's Public Law Practice Group and Public Policy Advocates (a Benesch subsidiary).

# Transaction Creates Preeminent Radiation Oncology Center

Physician Oncology Services LP (POSI), a Benesch client and Oak Hill Capital Partners' portfolio company, completed the combination of its business with the business of Vantage Oncology, Inc., creating one of the nation's preeminent networks of outpatient radiation oncology centers. The combined company, named Vantage Oncology, will operate 40 radiation and oncology centers in 13 states nationwide, providing critical oncology services to more than 1,000 patients per day. The financial terms of the transaction, which closed on January 31, were not publicly disclosed.

Benesch served as health care regulatory counsel for Oak Hill Capital Partners and Physician Oncology Services LP for this transaction. The Benesch team included health care practice partner <u>Alan E. Schabes</u>, health care practice of counsel <u>Ari J. Markenson</u> and <u>Beth S. Rosenbaum</u>, and health care practice associates <u>Sara Bunke Evans</u>, <u>Jayne E. Juvan</u> and <u>Meredith L. Marcinko</u>.

## Brewer Named One of IBJ's 2011 40 Under 40

Benesch is proud to announce that <u>Wendy D. Brewer</u>, Vice-Chair of Benesch's <u>Business</u> <u>Reorganization</u> Practice Group, has been named one of *Indianapolis Business Journal's* 2011 40 Under 40. The list recognizes 40 "budding superstars" in Indianapolis who are under the age of 40. The members of this year's group of movers and shakers are noted as being more accessible and connected with the community than any group before.

Please click here to view Wendy's profile and video interview.

## Peters Certified by OSBA

<u>Patrick O. Peters</u>, an associate with Benesch's <u>Labor & Employment</u> Practice Group, has been certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in Labor and Employment Law. This certification makes Pat one of a small group of attorneys in Ohio to have earned this distinction.

All attorneys licensed to practice law in Ohio must have graduated from an accredited law school and passed an intensive examination. In addition, they must attend continuing legal education courses as required by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Attorneys like Pat who devote a large part of their practice to a particular area of the law may choose to go beyond these requirements to earn specialty certification. Attorneys who have earned specialty certification must be recertified at least every four to seven years and must report annually to the certifying agency.

# Stock Named Columbus Office Vice-Chair of Litigation Practice

Benesch is pleased to announce that <u>John F. Stock</u> has been named Columbus office Vice-Chair of the <u>Litigation</u> Practice Group.

John focuses his practice on disputes pertaining to labor and employment, intellectual property, land use regulation, public contract matters, environmental law and trade secrets. Additionally, he has specific experience with employment discrimination defense and securities fraud litigation.





## Caring for our Communities

In tune with Benesch's Core Values, which include making meaningful contributions to the communities in which we live and work, Benesch employees participated in a "Wear Red" American Heart Association Jeans Day Fundraiser on February 4, benefiting the American Heart Association and its mission to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. We are pleased to announce that our fundraising effort raised over \$500, which will help fight the nation's number one and number three killers (heart disease and stroke) by funding research, education programs and advocacy efforts in our communities.

## **Diversity Corner**



Benesch's Women's Initiative Committee, in conjunction with the firm's Diversity Committee, is very excited to announce the launch of the

Women's Initiative blog. Women attorneys within the firm will continually update the blog. Beth Rosenbaum, Co-Chair of the Women's Initiative Committee, stated, "The Benesch Women's Initiative Committee is thrilled to be launching our blog! Our hope is that it will provide a forum for professional women to share experiences, challenges, insights, articles, questions and thoughts with one another."

To view the Women's Initiative blog, please visit http://beneschwomen.wordpress.com.

## Benesch Management Elections

Benesch is pleased to announce that <u>Ira C. Kaplan</u> has been re-elected as Managing Partner, <u>James M. Hill</u> has been re-elected as Executive Chairman of the firm and <u>Kevin D. Margolis</u> and <u>Megan L. Mehalko</u> have been re-elected by the firm's partners to the Executive Committee. They will each serve a three-year term, which began January 1, 2011.



In addition to serving as Managing Partner, Ira is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and has Co-Chaired the firm's Middle Market and Private Equity Practice Groups and is a member of the firm's Diversity Initiative Committee. Ira focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions as well as public and private debt and equity financings. Ira represents both publicly and privately held companies at various stages of growth.

Ira C. Kaplan He has been involved in planning for growth companies, helping to position them for various stages of private financing and anticipated public offerings. Ira also

represents private equity, subordinated debt and venture funds as well as portfolio companies of such funds.



James M. Hill

In addition to serving as Executive Chairman, Jim is Chair of the firm's Private Equity Practice Group and serves as a member of the Executive Committee. Jim focuses his practice on publicly and privately held growth companies in addition to representing mezzanine finance providers and equity participants. He primarily handles mergers and acquisitions, board governance, strategic planning and public and private offerings of equity and of debt.



Kevin D. Margolis

Kevin serves as Chair of the firm's Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group and Co-Chair of the Energy Practice Group. He is also Chair of the firm's Hiring Committee. In his practice, Kevin primarily represents public and private real estate development entities and other public and private companies on environmental risk, cleanup, regulatory and compliance issues. He also has developed and implemented nationwide environmental compliance programs, including the preparation of regulatory analyses, ongoing regulatory monitoring and routine counseling on regulatory issues.



Megan L. Mehalko

Megan serves as Chair of the firm's <u>Corporate & Securities</u> Practice Group. Megan focuses her practice on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, domestic and cross border strategic alliances and joint ventures and general business counseling. She has extensive experience advising public companies on corporate governance issues and securities law issues. She represents private equity funds as well as portfolio companies of funds and has expertise in distressed/insolvent company transactions.



## Indianapolis Ad Campaign Launched

Benesch is excited to announce the launch of our new ad campaign in the Indianapolis market. The "I Am Benesch" campaign features Indianapolis attorneys Jeffrey A. Abrams, Wendy D. Brewer, Andrew A. Kleiman, Andi M. Metzel and James H. Schwarz.



But I'm not a ballerina

When things are spinning out of control for my clients, I help them get back on their feet.

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#### **Government Investigations: The Health** Care Leader's Toolkit

Frank Carsonie and Alan E. Schabes

Part 3 of Benesch's Webinar Series: Issues for Health Care Executives

March 22, 2011

#### **Reducing the High Cost of Litigation**

Steven M. Auvil

**SVIPLA Meeting** 

March 31, 2011 | Silicon Valley, CA

#### Freight Loss and Damage Workshop

Marc S. Blubaugh

Transportation Logistics Council and Transportation Loss Prevention and Security Association's Annual Conference April 4, 2011 | St. Louis, MO

#### **Strategies to Prevent Costly Litigation** through Proactive Compliance

Beth S. Rosenbaum

Preventing and Defending Long-Term Care Litigation, American Conference Institute April 4, 2011 | Miami, FL

#### MDS 3.0 Data Driven Compliance and **Risk Management in TLC**

Ari J. Markenson

2011 HCCA Compliance Institute

April 11, 2011 | Orlando, FL

#### **Current OIG Initiatives in Post-Acute Care**

Alan E. Schabes

2011 HCCA Compliance Institute

April 11-13, 2011 | Orlando, FL

#### **Employee Privacy in the Workplace and** Health Care Reform: What You Need to **Know Now!**

Patrick O. Peters

Fundamentals of Employment Law Seminar April 12, 2011 | Cleveland, OH

#### Sexual, Racial and Other Harassment in the Workplace

Robert A. Zimmerman

Fundamentals of Employment Law Seminar April 12, 2011 | Cleveland, OH

#### HIPAA and HITECH - The Top 5 **Issues to Consider**

Sara Bunke Evans and Beth S. Rosenbaum

Part 4 of Benesch's Webinar Series: Issues for Health Care Executives

April 20, 2011

#### **Nursing Laws and Rules**

Janet K. Feldkamp AOPHA Teleconference

April 20, 2011

#### The Effects of Health Care Reform

Patrick O. Peters

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's 27th Annual Health Care Law Institute

April 29, 2011 | Cleveland, OH



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