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Spring 2015

Richard A. Plewacki Elected to Truckload Carriers Association Board of Directors for Sixth Consecutive Year



Richard A. Plewacki

Benesch is pleased to announce that partner **Richard A. Plewacki** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) for the sixth consecutive year. He will serve a one-year

term, which began in March.

In addition to his role on TCA's Board of Directors, Mr. Plewacki is a member of TCA's Shippers-Carriers Relations Committee, the Independent Contractor Policy & Practices Committee and the Highway Policy Committee. He is also a member of the American Trucking Association's Independent Contractor Task Force and the Labor & Regulatory Policy Committee.

Jennifer R. Hoover Accepts New Role as Wilmington Administrative Partner



Jennifer R. Hoover

Benesch is pleased to announce that **Jennifer R. Hoover**, partner in the Insolvency & Creditors' Rights, Litigation and Transportation & Logistics Practice Groups, has accepted a new role as

the Wilmington Administrative Partner. Ms. Hoover will oversee office growth, recruiting, branding, associate development and more within the Wilmington market. We look forward to supporting her in her new role.



Benesch's Cleveland Office Moving in 2019

Benesch is excited to share that our Cleveland office will be moving to the NuCLEus development in 2019.

We are committing to an efficient amount of office space in a green,

innovative, mixed-used development that will contain first-

class downtown shopping, restaurants, residential units, offices and a hotel, while providing tenants with access to a rooftop green space in an urban environment.

The new building, a Stark Enterprises development, will be located between East 4th, Prospect Avenue and Huron Road and is expected to be a transformational development for downtown Cleveland.

For more details, check out the [internal memo](#) to our firm from Managing Partner **Gregg A. Eisenberg**.



Benesch Attorney Brent A. Shelley Elected President of Minds Matter Cleveland



Brent A. Shelley

Benesch is pleased to announce that **Brent A. Shelley**, associate in Benesch's Corporate & Securities Practice Group, has been appointed President of Minds Matter Cleveland for a three-year term. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Shelley served as Executive Vice President of Minds Matter Cleveland and continues to serve as the Director of Programming on the Executive Committee of Minds Matter National. Minds Matter Cleveland is a 100% volunteer not-for-profit assisting high-performing high school students from low-income families to achieve academic excellence and gain admission to leading colleges by providing a three-year extensive academic and mentoring program and access to competitive college summer programs.

Please visit the [Minds Matter Cleveland website](#) for more information, or contact mindsmatterofcleveland@gmail.com.



Mark E. Avsec Leads Panel at the South By Southwest Music, Film & Interactive Technology Festival (SXSW)

On March 20, partner **Mark E. Avsec** led a panel presentation on music licensing at the South By Southwest Music, Film & Interactive Technology Festival (SXSW) in Austin, TX. Pictured here, from

left to right, are Ken Abdo of Lommen Abdo, who sponsored the event; panelist Tim Matson, an attorney with Lommen Abdo in Minneapolis; panelist Christine Pepe, AVP Business & Legal Affairs at American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers (ASCAP) in New York; Mark Avsec; and panelist Jeff Liebenson, a principal at Liebenson Law in New York.

T. Ted Motheral Re-elected to the Habitat for Humanity Ohio, Inc. Board of Directors



T. Ted Motheral

Benesch associate **T. Ted Motheral** has been re-elected to the Habitat for Humanity Ohio, Inc. Board of Directors for two more terms. His term will start in July 2015 and run until June 2017. Habitat for Humanity of Ohio is a not-for-profit, charitable, faith-based housing organization whose purpose is to assist the 62 Ohio Habitat for Humanity affiliates to build more affordable homes. It is a recognized state organization by Habitat for Humanity International and works in partnership with Ohio Habitat for Humanity affiliates to provide housing to families on terms they can afford.

Gregg A. Eisenberg profiled in *Inside Business Magazine*



Gregg A. Eisenberg

"Age is just a number at Benesch, where associates thrive in an entrepreneurial environment that values young professionals as its foundation for the future. **Gregg A. Eisenberg** often describes himself as a businessman trapped in a lawyer's shoes. 'I like doing deals,' he says. 'I like growth.'"

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Four Benesch Attorneys Recently Admitted to the Ohio and Indiana Bars

Congratulations to **Christopher H. Bond**, **Jason Woodruff** and **Mitchell E. Gecht** (pictured from left to right) for passing the Ohio State Bar Exam. Mr. Bond and Mr. Woodruff are associates in the firm's Innovations, Information Technology and Intellectual Property (3iP) Practice Group. Mr. Gecht is an associate in the firm's Corporate & Securities Practice Group.



Furthermore, cheers to **Patrick F.X. Fitzpatrick, Jr.** (pictured at left), who was granted admission into the Indiana Bar Association on Foreign License. He is also admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York. Mr. Fitzpatrick is an associate in the Litigation Practice Group.



Stephanie S. Penninger Takes Part in Transportation Attorneys Panel

Associate **Stephanie S. Penninger** recently presented as a panelist at the Transportation & Logistics Council 41st Annual Conference, speaking on, "Understanding the Interplay of Shipping Documents in Multimodal Transactions." Ms. Penninger is pictured above along with (from left to right) moderator George C. Pezold, Esq. of Pezold, Smith, Hirschmann & Selvaggio, LLC and co-panelists Hy Hillenbrand, Esq., Managing Partner, Hillenbrand, O'Brien & Solomon, LLP and Paul J. Kozacky, Esq. of Kozacky Weitzel McGrath, P.C. More information on the Transportation & Logistics Council is available [here](#).

Wilmington Celebrates Eight Years

On April 2, Benesch's Wilmington office enjoyed breakfast together to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the office opening its doors.





Benesch's Harvest for Hunger Campaign 2015

In April, Benesch raised over \$18,700 for the 2015 Harvest for Hunger Campaign. Our Harvest for Hunger Committee organized fun and innovative ways to inspire us during the campaign. There was an ongoing "Jar Contest" between the floors of the Benesch Cleveland office, a bake sale, a raffle and a few other small events. The largest event of the drive was our Salsa for Hunger event. Dance instructor Sean Youn, from Cleveland Salsa Passion, gave a Salsa lesson; professional dance couple Avie Klein and Brittany Noelani, from Floor

Play Dance Studio, performed a Latin Dance routine; while Rockin' Rhythm Entertainment kept us dancing throughout the night.

Harvest for Hunger began in 1992 and was organized by the Greater Cleveland Committee on Hunger. In 2003, the organization merged with the Cleveland Foodbank to fulfill its mission of working together to feed those at risk of hunger. We would like to thank everyone who participated to make the campaign a success. The committee did an excellent job organizing the events and inspiring us all to do our part in the fight against hunger.

Please visit harvestforhunger.org to learn more.

Benesch employees and friends are pictured here at the Salsa for Hunger event raising money for the 2015 Benesch Harvest for Hunger Campaign.



Benesch Hosts Ohio YMCA Youth in Government Dinner

On April 16, Benesch's Columbus office hosted a dinner for Ohio YMCA Youth in Government participants. The Ohio YMCA Youth in Government program provides high school and middle school students with a unique opportunity to become acting state legislators, governors, lobbyists, lawyers and committee chairs. The students simulate all phases and positions of actual state government and are challenged with many of the issues our real legislators must face in their elected offices. At this event, over 40 students and their advisors had the opportunity to chat with our attorneys about their specific focus areas. Benesch was represented at the dinner by partner **Martha J. Sweterlitsch** and associates **Heather E. Baird**, **Kelly E. Mulrane** and **Katie Tesner**. To learn more about the Ohio YMCA's Youth in Government program, please click [here](#).

Pictured here are the Youth in Government students and volunteers at the dinner in Columbus.



Team Benesch Participates in Walk, Rock & Run

Our firm enjoyed participating in The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio's 13th Annual Walk, Rock & Run on Saturday, May 2. This year, Team Benesch was nearly 60 people strong and joined hundreds of walkers and runners from across the region in raising awareness and funds for diversity matters. To learn more about The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio, please click [here](#).



The Benesch Team



Managing Partner Gregg A. Eisenberg and family



Partner Allan Goldner and family



Partner Lianzhong Pan and family

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Hiring/Open Positions

The Benesch Team is currently seeking candidates for the following positions and office locations. If you have any questions or would like to submit a resume or refer a candidate, please contact Laura Dutt, Director of Talent Acquisition and Development, ldutt@beneschlaw.com.

Cleveland, OH

Real Estate & Environmental Mid/Senior Level Associate
Corporate & Securities Associate, Securities Focus
Corporate & Securities Associate
Affordable Housing Attorney, Real Estate Practice Group
Health Care Associate

Columbus, OH

Affordable Housing Attorney, Real Estate Practice Group
Health Care Associate
Corporate & Securities Partner or Of Counsel

Indianapolis, IN

Health Care Attorney
Real Estate Attorney
Real Estate Associate
Corporate & Securities Partner or Of Counsel

Wilmington, DE

Intellectual Property Partner

Upcoming Events

Guns in the Workplace

Commercial Law WebAdvisor

Mark R. Waterfill

May 19, 2015 | Webinar

Public Privacy Issues for Nonprofits

LeadingAge Ohio—Senior Living CFO Workshop

Martha J. Sweterlitsch

June 3, 2015 | Columbus, OH

Challenges for Commercial Brokers to be Business Brokers and the Differences Between the Two Roles

Indiana Commercial Board of Realtors Annual Conference

Jeffrey A. Abrams

June 4, 2015 | Indianapolis, IN

Resolving Premises Use Clause Disagreements and Indemnification

National Business Institute—Resolving Commercial Disputes

Norman R. Newman

June 4, 2015 | Indianapolis, IN

Risk Reduction and Regulatory Challenges in Today's Nursing Facility Environment

eHealth Data Solutions—Connect; Quality Innovation Conference

Janet K. Feldkamp

June 8, 2015 | St. Louis, MO

Talking “SMAC” (Social, Mobile, Analytics, Cloud)

Michael D. Stovsky

June 10, 2015 | Cleveland, OH

Talking “SMAC” (Social, Mobile, Analytics, Cloud)

Michael D. Stovsky

June 11, 2015 | Columbus, OH

Food for Thought: Safety and Security Issues in the Transportation of Goods

National Confectioners' Logistics Council, Inc.—2015 Annual Conference

Stephanie S. Penninger

June 15, 2015 | Baltimore, MD

Checking Your Rearview Mirror While Keeping Your Eyes on the Road Ahead

National Confectioners' Logistics Council, Inc.—2015 Annual Conference

Marc S. Blubaugh

June 15, 2015 | Baltimore, MD

The Duty of Competence

Indiana State Bar Association, Ethics Committee—Ethical Obligations and Technology in Law Practice

Judy L. Woods

June 18, 2015 | Lafayette, IN

Starting and Growing Your Transportation Brokerage Business

American Trucking Association's 2015 Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsel

Marc S. Blubaugh

July 20, 2015 | La Jolla, CA

For more details and registration information please visit our [events page](#) or contact Megan Pajakowski at mpajakowski@beneschlaw.com or (216) 363-4639.

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