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May 2012

Benesch Sponsors Indianapolis Bar Association Paralegal Council's 2012 Law Day



Rebecca Walker, Legal Assistant in Benesch's Indianapolis office, at the "Careers in Law" event.

Benesch sponsored a "Careers in Law" event at Shortridge Magnet High School in Indianapolis in conjunction with the Indiana Bar Association Paralegal Council's Law Day on May 1.

The goal of "Careers in Law" was to highlight the diverse range of

fields important to the practice of law and the judicial system. Representatives from a variety of careers including paralegals, administrative assistants, bailiffs, legal software specialists, court reporters, information technology specialists, court clerks and probation officers attended the event. **Rebecca Walker**, a legal assistant in the firm's Indianapolis office, represented Benesch at the event in which approximately 225 eighth and ninth grade students attended. Benesch Paralegal **Cathy D. Canny**, who serves on the Executive Committee of the Paralegal Council, helped to coordinate the sponsorship.

Caring for our Communities

Benesch's Indianapolis office recently participated in the Teddy Bear Challenge, an annual drive to collect stuffed animals. The drive is coordinated by the Indianapolis Bar Association Paralegal Council to benefit the "Bears on Patrol" programs of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the Marion County Sheriff's Department, the Indianapolis Fire Department and Indianapolis EMS services.

Benesch donated over 50 stuffed animals. Collectively, 3,191 animals were donated by Indianapolis offices.

Annual Review Available

If you would like to receive a copy of Benesch's 2011 Annual Review, please contact Ellen Mellott at emellott@beneschlaw.com. To view it online, please click [here](#).

Benesch Sponsors "Ohio's Shale Boom—Tapping Into New Profits"



Benesch associate David Mansbery, Jr. (left) and partner Jeffrey J. Wild (right) were among the 400 professionals who attended the April 19th breakfast seminar.

Benesch sponsored the April 19th edition of Crain's Cleveland Ideas at Dawn Breakfast Learning Series, which was focused on a topic that seems to be on the minds of many businesses, not just in Northeast Ohio but throughout the entire state: shale gas drilling. The breakfast, entitled "Ohio's Shale Boom – Tapping New Profits," was attended by over 400 professionals interested in how the shale boom may affect their businesses. The panel included Benesch's **Orla C. Collier**, Co-Chair of the firm's **Energy Practice Group**; Sylvia Barnes, Managing Director & Group Head of Oil & Gas for KeyBanc

Capital Markets; William T. Beaufait, Shareholder at Maloney + Novotny LLC; and Craig A. Kasper, CEO of Hull & Associates, Inc.

The oil and gas boom brought about by the Utica Shale deposits hasn't been seen in this part of the U.S. in decades. Benesch's **Oil & Gas Industry Team** is helping our clients navigate the complexities and exploit the potential of shale oil and gas exploration and drilling, including areas such as real estate, environmental, transportation and logistics, public finance, public law, private equity, corporate and construction issues.

Benesch Named 2011–2012 Ohio Women's Bar Association Family Friendly Award Recipient

Benesch has been named the 2011–2012 Ohio Women's Bar Association (OWBA) Family Friendly Award recipient.

Established in 2003, the Family Friendly Award honors those legal employers in Ohio that best exemplify a commitment to work-life balance arrangements and assure that lawyers can take care of their families and still pursue a successful career.

The OWBA recognizes Benesch's generous parental leave policy, part-time partnership track, and flexible work schedules. Benesch is committed to providing an inclusive and innovative environment, and the firm works to ensure that every attorney and staff member is provided with the support necessary to succeed.

Margolis Elected as Fellow to American College of Real Estate Lawyers



Kevin D. Margolis

Kevin D. Margolis has been elected as a Fellow to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL).

ACREL is a prestigious and highly selective national organization of real estate attorneys recognized for their skill, experience and high professional and ethical standards. ACREL's objectives include promoting high standards of professional and ethical responsibility in the practice of real estate law; seeking to improve real estate law and practice; making available to the bar and to the public authoritative educational materials in the field of real estate law; informing the membership of the most current developments in real estate law and practice; and cooperating and consulting with national, state and local bar organizations, government agencies and other groups that have an interest in real estate law and practice.

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Diversity Corner



Jeanne Hammerstrom, Benesch's Chief Marketing Officer, and Orlando León, a 2012 Benesch Summer Associate and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program participant, enjoying the diversity reception held at the firm's Cleveland office.

Benesch's Diversity Committee and Legal Recruiting Team paired up to host receptions for diverse law students in our Cleveland, Columbus and Indianapolis markets. We partnered with the Career Services Offices at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, CIMILaw, Akron Law, The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law, Capital University Law School, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Indiana University Mauer School of Law to maximize our outreach to students. The students were encouraged to ask candid questions to members of Benesch's Diversity Committee, Hiring Committee, Executive Committee and other attorneys who attended the receptions.

Margolis Elected as Fellow to American College of Real Estate Lawyers

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Kevin is Chair of the firm's [Real Estate & Environmental](#) Practice Group, Co-Chair of the [Energy](#) Practice Group and a member of Benesch's Executive Committee. He focuses his practice on the environmental aspects of real estate transactions, distressed property, business transactions, construction and commercial lending and real estate finance matters. A significant portion of his practice involves the redevelopment and environmental remediation of brownfield sites.

New Attorneys

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Scott has practiced law for over 20 years, focusing primarily on estate planning, estate and trust administration, federal business and individual tax planning, closely held businesses and business succession. Prior to his legal career, he was a certified public accountant with Cleveland regional and national public accounting firms.

Upcoming Events

Advance Title Insurance Issues

[Jeffrey A. Abrams](#)

National Business Institute (NBI) Seminar
June 4, 2012 | Indianapolis, IN

Use of Endorsements to Enhance Title Insurance Coverage

[Norman R. Newman](#)

NBI Seminar

June 4, 2012 | Indianapolis, IN

Mergers & Acquisitions for Non-Profit Organizations

Hosted by Benesch and Schneider Downs
To RSVP, please contact Lindsay Brooks at (614) 586-7202 by Friday, May 28.

June 5, 2012 | Columbus, OH

How Environmental Due Diligence is Changing for Corporate and Real Estate Transactions

[Kevin D. Margolis](#)

Environmental Bankers Association (EBA) Meeting

June 12, 2012 | Newport, RI

Changes in the Federal Rules and the Impact on Working with Experts – What Must an Expert Preserve? Produce?

[Judy L. Woods](#)

Indianapolis Bar Association - Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum

June 13, 2012 | Indianapolis, IN

Transportation Law Update

[Marc S. Blubaugh](#)

International Warehousing Logistics Association's (IWLA) Annual Legal Symposium

June 20, 2012 | Chicago, IL

Post-Acute Provider Fraud and Abuse Challenges

[Alan E. Schabes](#)

2012 American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) In-House Counsel Program and Annual Meeting

June 24-27, 2012 | Chicago, IL

Columbus Breakfast Seminar Series Seminar #2: Economic Incentives for Business Growth and Development – How TIFs, Abatements and Public-Private Partnerships are Good for the Bottom Line

[James Ervin](#), [Rob Zimmerman](#) and [Stephen Grassbaugh](#)

To RSVP, please contact Tracy Hughey at (614) 223-9322 or thughey@beneschlaw.com
June 26, 2012 | Columbus, OH

Sexual, Racial and Other Harassment Discrimination

[Patrick O. Peters](#)

Sterling Education Services, Inc. – Employment Law: Beyond the Basics

July 18, 2012 | Akron, OH

Termination Best Practices

[Robert A. Zimmerman](#)

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Current Legal and Regulatory Challenges in Long Term Care

[Janet K. Feldkamp](#)

2012 National Association Directors of Nursing Administration (NADONA)/Long Term Care (LTC) National Conference

July 23, 2012 | Nashville, TN

Columbus Breakfast Seminar Series Seminar #3: Practical Legal Tips on U.S. Government Contracting, Bid Protests and Single Source Purchasing

[Adam Miller](#)

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July 24, 2012 | Columbus, OH

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Cyberlaw and Cyber Bullying in Schools

[Lisa M. Burleson](#)

Clark County Educational Service Center
August 10, 2012 | Springfield, OH



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