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March 2012

Recent Events



In February, members of Benesch's Corporate & Securities and Private Equity Practice Groups hosted a Doing the Deal® M&A Networking event. The event, was attended by M&A, private equity, finance and corporate executives, focused on the current state of the market as well as emerging trends. The first panel discussion, which focused on the current state of the market, was moderated by Graeme Frazier (GF Data Resources) and included panelists Dave Gezon (Midwest Mezzanine), John Lemay (Bluepoint Capital), Ron Miller (Cleary Gull) and Ralph Della Ratta (Western Reserve Partners). The second panel discussion, which was moderated by Jim Hill (Benesch), focused on emerging trends in the deal market and included panelists Mark Brady (William Blair), Russell Greenberg (Altus Capital Partners) and Carl Thoma (Thoma Bravo). The panel discussions were followed by a cocktail and networking reception.

Caring for our Communities

Benesch's Cleveland office sponsored a jeans day on Friday, March 2, 2012, to support the [Chardon Healing Fund](#). The Chardon Healing Fund was set up by the United Way of Geauga County in response to the deadly shooting at Chardon High School on Monday, February 27, 2012, in which three students were killed and two other students were wounded. All of the money raised will go to helping those directly affected by the tragedy. Together, Benesch raised \$800 in support of the Chardon Healing Fund.

Washbush Named to Association for Corporate Growth's Board of Directors



Thomas C. Washbush

Thomas C. Washbush has been named to the Association for Corporate Growth's (ACG) National Board of Directors. He will serve a three-year term as Director-at-Large beginning September 1, 2012, and ending August 31, 2015. Founded in 1954, ACG is the premier global association for professionals involved in corporate growth, corporate development, and mergers and acquisitions and other capital transactions. Today ACG stands at over 14,000 members, from corporations, private equity investors, financial institutions and professional service firms representing middle market to Fortune 1000 companies in North America, Europe and Asia as well as members representing private and governmental economic development agencies and business school leaders.

Tom is Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Columbus office and a partner with the firm's [Corporate & Securities](#) Practice Group. Tom has spent over 20 years focusing on increasing corporate growth among businesses in the Columbus area. He has represented clients in capital market financing, lender representation and public financing, including bond transactions, venture capital and economic development financing totaling over \$31 billion. Additionally, Tom has represented acquirers and sellers of privately held and publicly held companies in mergers, acquisitions and recapitalizations totaling over \$1 billion.

Metzel Elected Vice Chair of the State Employees' Appeals Commission



Andi M. Metzel

Andi M. Metzel has been elected Vice Chair of the Indiana State Employees' Appeals Commission (SEAC). She will serve a one-year term in this position before becoming eligible to serve as the SEAC Chair in 2013. SEAC is an independent commission with statutory authority to hear or investigate certain appeals from state employees and to fairly and impartially render decisions about the validity of the appeals. SEAC hearings are conducted in accordance with the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels appointed Andi to the SEAC in March of 2011. She is currently serving a four-year term.

Andi is a partner with the firm's [Litigation](#) and [Real Estate & Environmental](#) Practice Groups. She represents the firm's corporate and individual clients through negotiating resolutions in complex business, personal and transactional disputes. Andi practices in state and federal courts and before local and state administrative bodies and agencies.

Plewacki Reelected to Truckload Carriers Association Board of Directors



Richard A. Plewacki

Richard A. Plewacki has been reelected to the Board of Directors of the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) for the third straight year. He will serve a one-year term, which began March 4, 2012. The TCA dedicates itself to representing the interests of truckload carriers. TCA members, along with hundreds of other leaders in the truckload carrier industry, work to ensure safe, high quality, reliable and efficient truckload transportation services.

Rich is a partner with the firm's [Transportation & Logistics](#) Practice Group. He has been involved with the transportation and logistics industry, both as a businessman and an attorney, for over 40 years. He focuses his practice on advising and defending motor carriers, leasing companies, third party logistics providers and large private fleets. Rich's experience includes independent contractor/owner-operator issues, shipper/carrier matters, industry specific litigation, transportation related service agreements, freight claims, mergers and acquisitions, corporate and regulatory compliance, intermodal issues, sales and use tax issues, and licensing and permitting.

Upcoming Events

An Insurance Walk-Through: Alarm Bells, Whistles and Red Flags that Can Help You Win Your Next Casualty or Cargo Case—or Prevent It Altogether!

Eric L. Zalud

Transportation Lawyers Association Webinar
April 4, 2012

Seminar #2: Practical Legal Tips on U.S. Government Contracting, Bid Protests and Single Source Purchasing

Adam C. Miller

Columbus Breakfast Seminar Series
April 26, 2012 | Columbus, OH

Quality of Care Issues: Prevention & Response

Ari J. Markenson

HCCA's 16th Annual Compliance Institute
April 30, 2012 | Las Vegas, NV

Employment Laws Made Simple

Mark R. Waterfill

May 2, 2012 | Indianapolis, IN

26th Annual Labor & Employment Conference

Register at www.beneschlaw.com/labor2012 or contact Megan Pajakowski at (216) 363-4639 or mpajakowski@beneschlaw.com
May 3, 2012 | Cleveland, OH

Benesch and McGladrey are pleased to present a **China Symposium**
RSVP to Jessica Monnolly at jessica.monnolly@mcgladrey.com or (612) 522-1070
May 21, 2012 | Cleveland
May 22, 2012 | Columbus

Benesch and Blue & Co. are pleased to present **The Not-for-Profit Executive's Guide to Success**

RSVP to Rebecca Walker at (317) 685-6162 or rwalker@beneschlaw.com
May 30, 2012 | Indianapolis, IN

Benesch Welcomes New Director of Professional Development

Benesch is pleased to welcome **Julie M. Mulhern** as the new Director of Professional Development. Julie has over 20 years of industry experience and is prepared to carry Benesch's professional development efforts to a new level. Julie received her B.A. in Communications from Wright State University and will work out of the firm's Cleveland office.

Kanzinger Appointed to Board of Directors of Child Advocates, Inc.



Courtney L. Kanzinger

Courtney L. Kanzinger has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Child Advocates, Inc. (CAI). CAI is a private non-profit organization that mobilizes Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers to break the cycle of child abuse in Marion County, Indiana. CAI was created to represent and protect the best interest of children who are involved in legal proceedings by providing each child with Guardian Ad Litem/CASA services. Staff members and community volunteers are part of a legal process that ensures these children receive a safe, permanent home.

Courtney is an associate with the firm's Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group. She has served as a CASA for the past three and a half years.

Miller Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve



Adam C. Miller

Adam C. Miller has recently been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. His new duty station is with the Army Reserve at the 80th Training Command in Richmond, Virginia, where he has been appointed as Chief of Administrative Law for the Command. The 80th Training Command has command and control of the Army Reserve educational system and is responsible for all Army Reserve military occupational skills training throughout the United States. Adam served with the 10th Mountain Division during his deployment to Afghanistan (Operation

Enduring Freedom III) in 2004. Additionally, he is also serving his second year as Chair of the Ohio State Bar Association's Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Adam is a partner with the firm's School Law Practice Group. He focuses his practice on representing public governmental entities including local, city and exempted village school districts, single and multicounty educational service centers, joint vocational school districts and statewide educational associations. Adam also has experience working with joint economic development districts, cities, villages, counties and multi-county port authorities. Additionally, he has helped school districts reconfigure their educational operations to meet instructional and funding imperatives and has also worked with state and federal grants and budgets.

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Nicole focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, including intellectual property litigation and intellectual property counseling. Nicole has extensive bench trial, jury trial and arbitration experience in a variety of subject matters, including patent matters.



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