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Benesch Friedlander Names 13 New Partners

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[Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff](#) has kicked off 2022 by naming 13 new partners at offices throughout the nation, including one in the firm's Delaware office.

The firm, which has grown significantly in recent years with the launch of offices in Chicago and San Francisco and addition of attorneys elsewhere, announced its new partners Monday.

Joining the firm's partnership are Matthew D. Beebe, who is based in the firm's Wilmington, Delaware, office; Michael E. Bloom, Timothy M. Frey, Helen M. Schweitz and Trevor J. Illes in the Chicago office; Nora Cook, Barry J. Guttman, Warren T. McClurg, Michael S. Weinstein and Susan M. White in Cleveland; and Amy L. Craig, Christopher D. Hopkins, and Kelly E. Mulrane in Columbus, Ohio.

The 309-attorney firm, which has offices in Chicago; Cleveland; Columbus; Hackensack, New Jersey; San Francisco; Shanghai; and Wilmington, touts itself on its website "as providing highly sophisticated legal services to national and international clients that include public and private, middle market, and emerging companies, as well as to private equity funds, entrepreneurs and not-for-profit organizations."

The firm has 166 partners, seven of those in its Delaware office, a firm representative told Law360 Pulse. Like with its other locations, the firm's First State office has seen growth in recent years, and the attorney roster in Delaware now stands at 10, with another attorney set to be sworn into state's bar later this month, according to the firm.

"It's been a good last few years here at Benesch, and we're looking bullish for the future," Gregg A. Eisenberg, the firm's managing partner and executive committee member, told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday. "We feel really good about where we are in the marketplace."

Eisenberg said the new partner class is filled with "highly talented" attorneys and includes both "homegrown" talent and lateral attorney hires that were made by the firm.

The firm, which has doubled in size during the past few years, is building itself into an "elite powerhouse," Eisenberg said.

Beebe, who is a member of the firm's insolvency and creditors' rights and litigation practice groups, focuses his practice on complex restructuring and commercial litigation, the firm said.

A member of the firm's litigation practice group, Bloom focuses on commercial litigation and "has represented clients operating in a wide array of industries, including private equity funds and their portfolio companies, networking technology, telehealth, and commercial aviation," according to the firm.

Cook, also a member of the firm's litigation practice group, "represents clients in complex commercial litigation matters in state and federal court, and before various arbitration tribunals," the announcement said.

A member of the firm's corporate and securities practice group, Craig counsels clients such as private equity funds, portfolio companies, and other privately owned companies on various transactions, the firm said.

Frey, who has more than 10 years of complex commercial litigation experience, is a member of the firm's litigation practice group, the firm said. He has "represented public and private companies, as well as individuals, in a wide array of litigation including products liability, class actions, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, data theft, employment disputes, and contested corporate restructurings," the announcement said.

Guttman, a member of the firm's real estate and environmental practice group, "represents national, regional and local developers, owners, operators, lenders and investors on a broad range of commercial real estate matters across all asset classes, including acquisition, disposition, development and debt and equity financing of single assets, portfolios of assets and real estate companies; mortgage and mezzanine financing; joint venture agreements; and leasing," the firm said.

Hopkins, who is on the firm's corporate and securities practice team, "advises clients on corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, venture capital and private equity financings, joint ventures, and other investment transactions with an emphasis on middle-market transactions," according to the firm.

Another member of Benesch's litigation practice group, Illes "has experience representing large publicly traded and privately held companies in federal and state court in connection with a variety of litigation matters and government investigations," the firm said.

McClurg, also on the litigation practice group team, "represents companies and individuals in all aspects of commercial litigation, including disputes related to contracts, consumer law, business torts, insurance, and product liability," the announcement said.

Mulrane, who is a member of the firm's transportation and logistics and litigation practice groups, counsel clients on "complex commercial litigation, including contract disputes, business torts, wrongful death and personal injury defense, as well as transportation and logistics-related claims," according to the firm.

Schweitz, who serves with the firm's intellectual property practice group, "focuses her practice on technology transactions, licensing, online contracting, and data privacy and security," including drafting IP and information technology agreements, the firm said.

Weinstein, a member of the firm's litigation practice group, has litigated "complex intellectual property matters in federal district courts nationwide and in inter partes review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board" and "represented clients in a variety of different fields, including pharmaceuticals, chemical compositions, consumer products, medical devices, automotive components, and software and semiconductor technology," the firm said.

A member of the firm's construction and litigation practice groups, White "focuses her practice on the construction industry providing counsel to subcontractors, contractors, suppliers, and project owners in both transactional and litigation matters," the announcement said.

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PARTNER	LOCATION	PRACTICE GROUP
Matthew D. Beebe	Wilmington	Insolvency & Creditors' Rights and Litigation
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Timothy M. Frey	Chicago	Litigation

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Christopher D. Hopkins	Columbus	Corporate & Securities
Trevor J. Illes	Chicago	Litigation
Warren T. McClurg	Cleveland	Litigation
Kelly E. Mulrane	Columbus	Transportation & Logistics and Litigation
Helen M. Schweitz	Chicago	Intellectual Property/3iP
Michael S. Weinstein	Cleveland	Litigation
Susan M. White	Cleveland	Construction and Litigation

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