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Benesch Names New Partners

Benesch announced that Jennifer R. Hoover, Lee M. Korland, Gregory J. Lucht, Robert A. Marchant, Ari J. Markenson and E. Mark Young have been named partners.



Jennifer R. Hoover

Jennifer is a member of the firm's Business Reorganization Practice Group. She has experience representing corporate and high net worth individual debtors, Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 trustees,

unsecured creditors' committees, landlords, and secured and unsecured creditors in all aspects of commercial bankruptcy, including reorganizations, liquidations and non-bankruptcy out-of-court restructurings. Jennifer received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Franklin & Marshall College and her J.D., *cum laude*, from Villanova University School of Law.



Lee M. Korland

Lee is a member of the firm's Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group. He represents national and regional property owners, developers, tenants, lenders and borrowers,

including Fortune 500 companies, private equity funds and large public REITs, in all facets of commercial real estate transactions throughout the United States. He also provides counseling on a broad range of general real estate and business matters, and frequently assists clients with corporate formation issues, joint venture structuring, contract negotiations, leasing matters and financing transactions. Lee received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Brandeis University, his M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.



Gregory J. Lucht

Greg is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. He has federal and state court experience litigating various types of disputes, including complex commercial and business disputes, directors and officers litigation, securities fraud, environmental and toxic tort matters and health care litigation. In addition, Greg has experience defending individuals and companies in class action matters across the country and was instrumental in establishing the firm's class action initiative. He received his B.A. from Grove City College and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from University of Akron School of Law.



Robert A. Marchant

Rob is a member of the firm's Corporate & Securities Practice Group. He focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions as well as private debt and equity financing. He has experience in cross border joint ventures and strategic alliances. Rob represents companies at various stages of growth and has been involved in planning for growth companies, helping to position them for various stages of financing. He has represented various private equity funds with acquisitions and divestitures and has represented portfolio companies of such funds. Rob received his B.S. from Brigham Young University and his J.D. from Willamette University College of Law.



Ari J. Markenson

Ari is a member of the firm's Health Care Practice Group. He has spent his career at the intersection of health care, law and business. Ari is experienced in counseling health care

industry clients, including providers and payers. He assists health care clients on mergers and acquisitions, due diligence, corporate and business matters, legal and regulatory compliance issues, including requirements and conditions for participation, fraud and abuse, HIPAA and survey, certification and enforcement issues, administrative proceedings, obtaining certificate of need approval and state licensure, health care decision making and refusal of treatment issues. He received his B.A. from Syracuse University, his Masters of Public Health, from Columbia University, School of Public Health and his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.



E. Mark Young

Mark is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. He focuses his practice on complex commercial and general business litigation matters in federal and state court. His practice also includes representation of national financial institutions, regional and national property management companies and local medium-sized businesses. Mark's practice also involves assisting clients with expanding into global markets by crafting compliance programs, effectively coordinating and communicating with various regulatory agencies, and complying with U.S. export requirements. He received his B.A. from Wake Forest University, his J.D. from the University of Toledo School of Law and his Masters in Urban Planning and Design Development from the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

Wild Appointed to Board of Directors of Cleveland Development Advisors



Jeffrey J. Wild

Jeffrey J. Wild has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Cleveland Development Advisors (CDA). Established in 1989, CDA provides resources as well as local knowledge and professional expertise—

collaborating with developers, financiers, and community stakeholders to structure the financing of important, catalytic projects in Cleveland. CDA is a subsidiary of the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), an association of business members that mobilizes private-sector leadership, expertise and resources to create jobs and leverage investment to improve the economic vitality of the region.

Jeff is a partner and Vice Chair of Benesch's **Real Estate & Environmental** Practice Group. With over 14 years of legal experience, Jeff's main concentration is commercial real estate law, with a primary focus on development, acquisitions, dispositions and financing.

Upcoming Events

Loan Originations and Distressed Property, Environmental Issues and Environmental Insurance

Kevin D. Margolis

Annual Environmental Bankers Association Meeting

January 24, 2012 | Santa Fe, NM

Navigating Regulatory, Enforcement & Other Legal Issues in Healthcare Deal-Making

Ari J. Markenson

iiBIG's 5th Annual Investment and M&A Opportunities in Healthcare Conference
February 1-2, 2012 | Nashville, TN

CSA 2010 in 2012: Practical Lessons from the Road

Eric L. Zalud

February 16-17, 2012 | Scottsdale, AZ

New Attorneys

Cleveland



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B.A. *Creighton University*

J.D. *University of Iowa*

Molly focuses her practice primarily on commercial and general business litigation matters. Her experience includes product liability, toxic tort defense, general commercial litigation and FELA defense. She is also experienced in legal research and drafting, including appellate drafting. Additionally, she has several published opinions, including a successful writ of mandamus to the Nebraska Supreme Court regarding attorney-client privilege issues.



Ryan S. Quinn

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B.A. *Baldwin-Wallace College*

J.D., *cum laude*, *Case Western Reserve University Law School*

Ryan focuses his practice on advising clients regarding the formation, operation and termination of business entities. Additionally, he has experience drafting transaction documents related to mergers, acquisitions and securities offerings, and counseling clients regarding compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, stock exchange rules and on various aspects of public and private offerings of securities.

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Andrew focuses his practice on corporate and transactional work, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, franchising, licensing, entity selection and governance. He is also experienced in helping businesses fund and implement their growth strategies through private placements and public offerings of debt and equity securities and advising clients on various securities issues and regulations.

Penninger Accepted to Indiana State Bar Association Leadership Development Academy



Stephanie S. Penninger

Stephanie S. Penninger has been accepted into the inaugural class of the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) Leadership Development Academy.

The ISBA Leadership Development Academy was created to establish a leadership forum to empower and develop lawyers to be informed, committed and involved so that they may fill significant leadership roles in local and state bar associations, in Indiana communities and organizations, and to serve as role models in matters of ethics and professionalism.

Stephanie is an associate with the firm's **Litigation** Practice Group. She focuses her practice on representing national and regional clients in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters. She has experience representing employers and employees in labor and employment matters, litigating disputes arising out of the employment relationship.

Canny Elected President of the Paralegal Studies Advisory Board for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College



Cathy D. Canny

Cathy D. Canny has been elected President of the Paralegal Advisory Board for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC). The SMWC Paralegal Studies Advisory Board consists of attorneys, judges, paralegals and members from the general business community from the Wabash Valley and from Indianapolis, along with students and administration from SMWC. The Board's goal is to set the standard for excellence in liberal arts-based, career-oriented education.

Cathy is a paralegal in Benesch's [Litigation](#) and [Business Reorganization](#) Practice Groups. With over 32 years of paralegal experience, Ms. Canny's main concentration is large, complex litigation and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Cathy received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Markenson Appointed to Foundation for Quality Care Inc. Board of Trustees



Ari J. Markenson

Ari J. Markenson has been appointed to Foundation for Quality Care Inc.'s Board of Trustees. The Foundation for Quality Care is a non-profit organization with a mission of pioneering and promoting activities

designed to advance and

improve the quality of care in nursing homes and related long-term care settings. The Foundation is involved in educational programming, grant-funded research, scholarship administration and other leading-edge initiatives to provide opportunities that ensure a well-trained workforce and exceptional care for elder and disabled populations.

Legal Mocktail

On December 9, 2011, Courtney Iannelli, Benesch's Director of Marketing & Business Development, presented to more than 60 members of the Cleveland YWCA Women's Leadership Boot Camp class on the art of networking. The Women's Leadership Boot Camp is designed for professional women who are transitioning into management roles and are considered the "rising stars" of their organizations. Other members of Benesch's Marketing Department participated in the presentation, including: Liz Boehm, Regional Marketing Manager, Adriane DeFiore, Business Development Coordinator, and Julie Gurney, Senior Marketing Communications Manager.

The program, entitled "Legal Mocktail," is a facilitated workshop designed to mimic the look and feel of a cocktail reception in order to help professionals overcome their fear of networking in a room full of strangers. The workshop teaches participants how to gracefully enter and exit a conversation, offers tips for keeping a conversation flowing, and explains how to follow up after an event to begin building relationships.

Benesch's 2012 Columbus Breakfast Seminar Series

Topic #1: "Protecting Trade Secrets/Managing email and Other Electronic Documents To Minimize Liability"

John Stock, Roger Schantz, Jennifer Turk

**February 29: Breakfast 7:30–8:00 AM; Presentation 8:00–9:00 AM
Capital Club; Le Bistro Room; Columbus, OH**

RSVP to Tracy Hughey at thughey@beneschlaw.com or 614.223.9322

"Benesch treats our issues like it's their company—they take it to heart. I feel like we work together almost like coworkers rather than a typical client-attorney relationship."

MATTHEW HOFFMAN,
President and CEO
Bleacher Creatures LLC

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MARK E. AVSEC, MICHAEL J. BARRIE,
JENNIFER R. HOOVER, JULIE M. PRICE,
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