

Achievements

Benesch Partner Marc S. Blubaugh Elected 2014 President of the Transportation Lawyers Association



Marc S. Blubaugh at the Transportation Lawyers Association annual meeting at the Vinoy Renaissance in St. Petersburg, FL.

On May 1, Benesch partner **Marc S. Blubaugh** was sworn in as the 2014 President of the Transportation Lawyers Association (TLA), an independent international association of attorneys serving the transportation industry since 1937. Mr. Blubaugh's inauguration took place at TLA's annual meeting at The Vinoy Renaissance in St. Petersburg, FL. In the coming year, he will lead TLA's efforts to keep members ahead of the constant changes in all aspects of the legal environment affecting the transportation community. To read the full press release on Benesch's website, please click [here](#).

Ira C. Kaplan Receives the 2014 ORT America Jurisprudence Award

Congratulations to **Ira C. Kaplan**, our Managing Partner, who is a recipient of the 2014 ORT America Jurisprudence Award. ORT America is an organization that promotes the understanding and appreciation of Jewish values through a global network of schools and training programs in 55 countries. The ORT America Jurisprudence Award is ORT's highest national award and is presented to members of the legal community who have established new directions for the enhancement of their community and their profession. Mr. Kaplan received his award at ORT America's Northeast Ohio Region Award Reception on July 16.



From Left to right: Gary Desberg, Co-Chair, Honorees GiGi Benjamin and Ira C. Kaplan, and Eric Rubin, President ORT American Northeast Ohio.

Tamar Gontovnik Named a 2014 Woman of Professional Excellence by the YWCA Greater Cleveland



Tamar Gontovnik

Tamar Gontovnik, associate in our [Litigation](#) and [Real Estate & Environmental Practice Groups](#), was named a 2014 Woman of Professional Excellence by the YWCA Greater Cleveland.

YWCA Greater Cleveland provides organizations throughout Northeast Ohio with a unique opportunity to recognize the contributions of exceptional women within their organizations through the Women of Professional Excellence award. Women receiving this award exemplify high professional standards and evidence of career and personal growth; make significant contributions to the effective, efficient operation of their organizations; display a willingness to support and mentor others; and positively impact the community.

Visit the YWCA website by clicking [here](#).

Kiamesha-Sylvia G. Colom receives the 2014 "Up and Coming Lawyer Award" from The Indiana Lawyer's Leadership in Law Program



Kiamesha-Sylvia G.
Colom

Congrats to **Kiamesha Colom**, associate in our [Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group](#), who received the 2014 "Up and Coming Lawyer Award" from The Indiana Lawyer's Leadership in Law Program. This recognition is given annually to 15 attorneys who are early in their legal careers but have already demonstrated a knack for leadership and making an impact. Please click [here](#) to check out the article on Kiamesha.

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20 Benesch Attorneys Ranked in *Chambers USA 2014*



Joy A. Barrist



Jeffrey A. Abrams



James H. Schwarz



Ross J. Kirchick



M. Casey Kucharson



Thomas O. Crist



Barry J. Miller



James M. Hill



Ira C. Kaplan



Megan L. Mehalko



Lisa M. Kimmel



Harry M. Brown



Frank Carsonie



Janet K. Feldkamp



Martha J. Sweterlitsch



Maynard (Mike) A. Buck



Joseph N. Gross



Norman W. Gutmacher



Howard A. Steindler



Jeffrey J. Wild

The following Benesch attorneys were ranked:

Delaware – Real Estate

Joy A. Barrist

Indiana – Real Estate

Jeffrey A. Abrams

James H. Schwarz

Ohio – Banking & Finance

Ross J. Kirchick

M. Casey Kucharson

Ohio – Construction

Thomas O. Crist

Barry J. Miller

Ohio – Corporate/M&A

James M. Hill

Ira C. Kaplan

Megan L. Mehalko

Ohio – Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

Lisa M. Kimmel

Ohio – Healthcare

Harry M. Brown

Frank Carsonie

Janet K. Feldkamp

Martha J. Sweterlitsch

Ohio – Labor & Employment

Maynard (Mike) A. Buck

Joseph N. Gross

Ohio – Real Estate

Norman W. Gutmacher

Howard A. Steindler

Jeffrey J. Wild

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Recent Events

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Columbus Visionary Awards Gala



Left to right (back row): Janet K. Feldkamp, Tamara L. Maynard, Rachel Winder, Martha J. Sweterlitsch, Betsy Butler. (front row): Angie Vecchio, Heather E. Baird, Jennifer Carlson.

We were pleased to sponsor the NAWBO Columbus Visionary Awards Gala. Benesch attorneys Janet F. Feldkamp, Tamara L. Maynard, Martha J. Sweterlitsch and Heather E. Baird, along with Columbus office administrator Angie Vecchio were

in attendance. Rachel Winder serves as NAWBO Columbus's official public policy advisor and updates its members on important legislation that has the potential to impact their businesses. For more information on NAWBO Columbus, please visit www.nawbocolumbusohio.com.

2014 Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors Summer Conference

Benesch was a proud sponsor of 2014 Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors Summer Conference July 22–24 in Chicago. This event connects 500+ middle market mergers and acquisitions leaders who share their insights about current market conditions and how they get their deals over the finish line. James M. Hill, partner and Chair of our Private Equity Group, moderated a panel on "Legal and Non-Financial Due Diligence."

Aloha!

As part of our firmwide 2014 American Heart and Stroke Associations' campaigns, Benesch recently held a "Crazy Hawaiian Shirt Contest." Attorneys and staff members made donations in order to participate as contestants. This year's contest winner was Angie Vecchio, our Columbus office administrator. Congratulations, Angie!



Wilmington Networking Event with Victory Brewing Company



Benesch's Client Services Manager, Megan Pajakowski; CFO John Banks; Legal Secretary Deirdre Stafford; and attorneys Michael J. Barrie, Jennifer R. Hoover and Joy A. Barrist enjoying the networking event.

In celebration of our clients and friends, Benesch's Wilmington, Delaware, office held a beer tasting on June 9. Guests enjoyed networking and meeting our newest partner, Joy A. Barrist, while sampling a variety of beers provided by Victory Brewing Company.

Benesch Participates in The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio's 12th Annual Walk, Rock & Run



Mark Biddlestone, Kathy Gharrity, Gayle Horner, Toni Hyland-Romell and Donna Fuller, part of the Benesch Run/Walk Team, supporting The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio.

Benesch was proud to have a team of walkers and runners take part in The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio's 12th Annual Walk, Rock & Run on May 3 in Cleveland. More than 8,000 people attended, helping to raise funds for the Diversity Center while also celebrating diversity in our community.

Benesch Hosted its 28th Annual Labor & Employment Conference on May 6, 2014

This year's topics included the Affordable Care Act presented by Lisa M. Kimmel; LGBT issues in the workplace presented by Christopher J. Lalak and Patrick O. Peters;



traps for unwary Ohio employees presented by Joseph N. Gross and Rick Hepp; EEOC developments and future plans presented by Peter N. Kirsanow; employee privacy regarding social media and electronic activity presented by Maynard A. Buck; and recent happenings under the Americans with Disabilities Act presented by Steven M. Moss.

Evening of Light



Benesch attorneys Tamara L. Maynard, Heather E. Baird and Martha J. Sweterlitsch attending the Evening of Light Gala.

Benesch client, Alvis House, hosted its first gala, "Evening of Light," on Friday, May 2, in downtown Columbus. "Evening of Light" raised proceeds for the Restoring Families Initiative, a program to strengthen families torn apart by incarceration. The event also celebrated Denise Robinson, Alvis House

President & CEO, dedicating 30 years of service to the organization. Benesch attorneys Tamara L. Maynard, Heather E. Baird and Martha J. Sweterlitsch were in attendance as well as Orla E. "Chip" Collier, III and Jennifer M. Turk and Columbus office administrator Angie Vecchio. Food Network star and *The New York Times* best-selling author Chef Jeff Henderson, a former drug dealer who spent years in federal prison and learned to cook there, was a true inspiration and had the audience standing with applause. Congrats to Alvis House and Denise Robinson—and thanks for all you do for the Columbus community!

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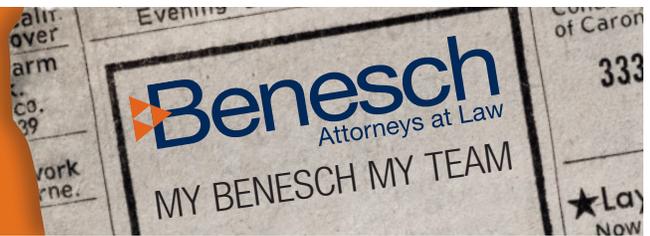


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Hiring/Open Positions

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, Legal Recruiting Manager, ldutt@beneschlaw.com.

Cleveland, OH

Public Finance Partner
Intellectual Property Patent Prosecution Associate
(Electrical Background)
Corporate & Securities Associate
Affordable Housing Attorney,
Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group

Columbus, OH

Public Finance Partner
Real Estate Attorney
Affordable Housing Attorney,
Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group
Corporate & Securities Partner or Of Counsel

Indianapolis, IN

Public Finance Partner
Real Estate Attorney (Junior Partner or Senior Associate)
Real Estate Associate
Health Care Attorney
Corporate & Securities Partner or Of Counsel

Philadelphia, PA

Intellectual Property Associate

Wilmington, DE

Intellectual Property Partner
Litigation Associate



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Upcoming Events

The Termination Process and Information Disclosure Issues

Sterling Education Services—The Ins and Outs of Employment Law

Rick Hepp

August 6, 2014 | Youngstown, OH

The 3rd Annual Not-for-Profit Executive's Guide to Success

Speakers from Benesch and Blue & Co.

**August 12, 2014 | One American Square
Main Auditorium | Indianapolis, IN**

Role of State Agencies in Long-Term Care: What is Important for the Administrator to Know

The Ohio State University—Core of Knowledge for Administrators

Janet K. Feldkamp

August 18, 2014 | Columbus, OH

Looking to the Future in Assisted Living Risk Management Solutions (RMS)

Janet K. Feldkamp

August 18, 2014 | Columbus, OH

Municipal Finance Advisers

Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) Conference

Allison M. Binkley

August 28, 2014 | Dayton, OH

Legal Updates for Assisted Living

Ohio Assisted Living Association

Janet K. Feldkamp

September 15, 2014 | Columbus, OH

SEC Post-Issuance Disclosure

Ohio Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference

Allison M. Binkley

September 17, 2014 | Sandusky, OH

Ohio Nursing Laws & Rules

The Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice Annual Conference & Tradeshow

Janet K. Feldkamp

September 23–24, 2014 | Columbus, OH

Real Estate Update

Indiana Commission Legal Education Forum 36th Annual Indiana Law Update

James H. Schwarz

September 23–24, 2014 | Indianapolis, IN

Labor and Employment Law Seminar

Indiana Lawyer

Mark R. Waterfill

September 30, 2014 | Indianapolis, IN

Municipal Finance Advisers

Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) Conference

Allison M. Binkley

September 30, 2014 | Akron, OH

Commercial Endorsements

National Business Institute Seminar—Advanced Title Insurance Issues

Norman R. Newman

October 6, 2014 | Indianapolis, IN

Clinical, Legal and Operational Updates for Skilled Nursing Facilities

Avila Institute

Janet K. Feldkamp

October 14, 2014 | Germantown, NY



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