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Benesch is proud to announce that **Matthew D. Gurbach, Lisa M. Kimmel, M. Casey Kucharson, Amanda M. Miller, Martha J. Sweterlitsch and Jennifer M. Turk** have been named partner.

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**Matthew D. Gurbach** has been named a partner with Benesch's Litigation Practice Group. He is experienced in litigating complex commercial and

business disputes including shareholder controversies, covenants not to compete, trade secrets, and breach of contract claims. Mr. Gurbach has represented clients as first-chair trial counsel in courtrooms throughout the State of Ohio. He has also appeared as lead counsel in numerous appellate courts and before the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Gurbach received his A.B., magna cum laude, from Youngstown State University and his J.D., with a concentration in Litigation, from Case Western Reserve University Law School. He works out of the firm's Cleveland office.

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**Lisa M. Kimmel** has been named a partner with, and currently chairs, the firm's Executive Compensation & Benefits Practice Group. She

focuses her practice on tax, compliance and fiduciary issues relating to qualified and nonqualified retirement plans, executive compensation and deferred compensation plans, transactional work involving transition of benefits and plan mergers and transfers, and dispute resolution including Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Department of Labor (DOL) controversies. Ms. Kimmel has more than 25 years of experience as a dedicated employee benefits attorney. Ms. Kimmel received her B.A. from Bucknell University and her J.D. from Case Western Reserve University Law School. She works out of the firm's Cleveland office.

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**M. Casey Kucharson** has been named a partner with Benesch's Commercial Finance & Banking Practice Group and the Corporate &

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**Amanda M. Miller** has been named a partner with the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. She represents clients in a

range of intellectual property matters, particularly patent litigation, licensing, and prosecution matters. She is experienced in preparing patent applications relating to pharmaceutical, chemical and mechanical inventions. Ms. Miller also has prepared patent-related opinions, such as freedom-to-operate and invalidity opinions including those related to Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDA). Additionally, Ms. Miller has experience advising on patenting strategy and litigation avoidance/design-arounds, as well as supervising foreign patent prosecution. Ms. Miller received her B.S. from Capital University and her J.D., with honors, from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She works out the firm's Cleveland office.

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**Martha J. Sweterlitsch** has been named a partner with the firm's Health Care Practice Group. She is also chair of the firm's Not-for-Profit Team.

Ms. Sweterlitsch Her practice focuses on not-for-profit, administrative, health, state tax, and federal and state tax exemption law and lobbying. Significant areas of practice include creation, reorganization, mergers and consolidations and ongoing advice to not-for-profit corporations, state and federal tax and tax exemption for not for profit organizations, and legal issues related to charitable solicitation and fundraising. She also has experience as borrower's counsel for not-for-profit entities doing tax exempt financing. She has been involved over many years with legislative initiatives affecting the regulation, operation and taxation of not-for-profit entities, including changes to the charitable solicitation laws. Ms. Sweterlitsch received her B.A. from The Ohio State University and her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She works out of the firm's Columbus office.

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**Jennifer M. Turk** has been named a partner with Benesch's Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice primarily on

employment litigation, counseling of long term care facilities, commercial litigation and insurance matters. She counsels employers regarding the policies contained in their employee handbooks as well as issues involving employee discharge and employee leave. Ms. Turk has experience with protection of trade secret information and the enforcement of non-competition agreements. She also counsels long term care facilities regarding their resident admission practices and procedures, collection issues and issues related to residents' rights. Ms. Turk received her B.A. from Marquette University and her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She works out of the firm's Columbus office.

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