

# Benesch alumni



**Patty Inglis**  
Executive Vice President  
*San Francisco 49ers*

**Q: When were you at Benesch and what was your position/  
practice area?**

**A:** I joined Benesch in late 1982 as an associate in what was (at least way back then) called the Corporate and Securities Department. I became a partner in 1984 and was with the firm for 19 years, practicing law and serving in various administrative capacities, including overseeing the summer program, chairing the Hiring Committee and participating as a member of the Management Committee.

**Q: What is your current position and company?**

**A:** Executive Vice President, San Francisco 49ers

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your career?**

**A:** I enjoy working with people and organizations to solve problems and make things happen.

**Q: What is one interesting project you've recently handled?  
Or one significant achievement you'd like to highlight?**

**A:** We are now just months away from the opening of Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California. The opening is the culmination of many years of work. I am a member of a team that, over the last 8 years, has negotiated many agreements with the City of Santa Clara and other parties and worked with the City to secure over \$1B of financing and to create a stream of revenues that made that amount of financing, and the project itself, a reality.

**Q: What is one thing you learned at Benesch that has  
benefitted you ever since?**

**A:** I learned, from watching my mentors, that virtually any crisis can be addressed in ways that make it both less daunting than it might have originally appeared and an opportunity to create a solution.

**Q: What is your favorite memory of your time working  
at Benesch?**

**A:** I have so many good memories that it is tough to choose a favorite. Clearly the friends I made there are at the core of my good memories, but my mentors and colleagues also helped forge the lawyer and counselor I would become, and so made possible the opportunities that have come my way.

**Q: What advice would you give to a new attorney who has  
just started his or her legal career?**

**A:** Work your tail off learning your craft; observe other successful practitioners and emulate the aspects of their approaches that work, and are comfortable, for you; stay open to opportunities and then grab them as they come your way.

**Q: Is there any news or updates about your personal or  
professional life that you would like to share with your  
fellow Benesch alumni?**

**A:** Jaclyn Inglis will soon turn 24 and is a product marketing specialist at Hyland Software. Katie will soon turn 20 and is a rising junior, lapping up college life at Emory University.