

My Benesch My Team Campaign – Stark Enterprises

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President and CEO
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Since Bob Stark started the company in 1978 with the purchase of one single-story retail property, Stark Enterprises has grown to become one of the nation’s premier real estate development companies. Now with more than 8 million square feet of retail, office, apartment, hotel and student housing properties in its portfolio, Stark Enterprises continues to expand nationwide. The following is a testimonial from President and CEO Bob Stark.

How did you start working with Benesh?

Really it’s because of my relationship with Jeff Wild, Chair of Benesch’s Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group. I have high regards for Jeff as a very competent and intelligent person and an excellent lawyer, which is why I’ve been working with him for at least 20 years.

What does Benesch do for you?

They provide basically everything we need, whether it’s urban planning or contractual work or litigation or finance and tax-related matters. The business we’re in covers all the bases and Benesch also covers all the bases, so it’s a very good match.

What do you like about working with Benesch?

It’s the attention to detail, the high level of expertise that Benesch has in every field, and the reputation they have nationally that precedes them and always puts us in good stead with lawyers that we’re dealing with all over the United States.

Of course, it’s the nature of real estate development to always be on the move. What’s exciting in the works right now?

Our company has evolved into being one of the premier experts in mixed-use development in the country. We’ve also entered into and expanded dramatically our activity in student housing. We’ve always been active in building apartments—we’re about to begin an apartment development in Los Angeles right now. Something that has also grown dramatically in the last few years is our acquisition activity, focused primarily on existing shopping centers, but also other classes, like office and residential. Acquisition has become a very big part of the industry. In all of these realms, Benesch has the expertise and the reputation nationally to deal with the myriad of issues that are involved in all of those types of transactions.