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132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings

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Benesch is proud to announce that the firm has been recognized in the 2025 edition of Best Lawyers in America®. This year, 72 Benesch attorneys have been selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers®, and 60 have been named in Best Lawyers® “Ones to Watch” 2025.

Additionally, seven of our attorneys have been honored with the prestigious “Lawyer of the Year” designation. This award is particularly impressive, as only one lawyer in each practice area and geographic region receives this honor each year.

2025 Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" Honorees:

Cleveland

- **Angela R. Gott** - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Trademark Law
- **Gregory J. Phillips** - Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
- **Ross J. Kirchick** - Commercial Finance Law

San Francisco

- **Charanjit Brahma** - Litigation - Intellectual Property

Chicago

- **John E. Rooney** - Energy Law
- **Melissa Grim** - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Columbus, OH

- **Marc S. Blubaugh** - Transportation Law

2025 Best Lawyers® Honorees:

Chicago, IL

- J. Erik Connolly - Commercial Litigation
- Scott Downing - Health Care Law
- Jason Greis - Health Care Law
- Melissa Grim - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Manish K. Mehta - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Patent Law
- Juan Morado, Jr. - Health Care Law
- Margo Wolf O'Donnell - Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management
- John E. Rooney - Energy Law
- Kal K. Shah - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law

Cleveland, OH

- Jessica N. Angney - Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- W. Eric Baisden - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management
- Harry M. Brown - Administrative / Regulatory Law, Health Care Law
- Joseph A. Castrodale - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking and Finance, Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation - Securities
- Nora Cook - Commercial Litigation
- Thomas O. Crist - Construction Law, Litigation - Construction
- Matthew P. Delguyd - Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law
- Gregg A. Eisenberg - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Kathryn Kramer Gaydos - Real Estate Law
- Allan Goldner - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Angela R. Gott - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Trademark Law
- Joseph N. Gross - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Norman W. Gutmacher - Real Estate Law
- Ira C. Kaplan - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Venture Capital Law

- Lisa M. Kimmel - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Ross J. Kirchick - Commercial Finance Law
- Peter N. Kirsanow - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- M. Casey Kucharson - Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- David Mansbery - Real Estate Law
- Kevin D. Margolis - Environmental Law, Real Estate Law
- Michael F. Marhofer - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Megan L. Mehalko - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation
- Barry J. Miller - Construction Law, Litigation - Construction
- Michael J. Montgomery - Commercial Litigation
- Steven M. Moss - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management
- W. Clifford Mull - Health Care Law
- Jared E. Oakes - Real Estate Law
- Daniel J. O'Brien - Corporate Law, Health Care Law
- Robert C. Ondak, Jr. - Real Estate Law
- Johanna Fabrizio Parker - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management
- Gregory J. Phillips - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Richard A. Plewacki - Transportation Law
- Michael A. Primrose - Corporate Law
- Brian N. Ramm - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- John A. Rego - Litigation - Environmental
- Matthew Ridings - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Antitrust
- Robert A. Ross - Corporate Law, International Trade and Finance Law
- H. Alan Rothenbuecher - Commercial Litigation
- Alan E. Schabes - Health Care Law
- William E. Schonberg - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Elliot M. Smith - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

- Shaylor R. Steele - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Howard A. Steindler - Real Estate Law
- Michael D. Stovsky - Information Technology Law, IT Outsourcing Law, Privacy and Data Security Law, Technology Law
- Michael K. Swearengen - Real Estate Law
- Richard F. Tracanna - Tax Law
- Dana B. Weiss - Commercial Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- Jeffrey J. Wild - Real Estate Law
- Eric L. Zalud - Commercial Litigation, Transportation Law
- Robert A. Zimmerman - Employment Law - Management, Government Relations Practice, Litigation - Labor and Employment

Columbus, OH

- Trevor Alexander - Commercial Litigation, Energy Regulatory Law
- Marc S. Blubaugh - Commercial Litigation, Transportation Law
- Frank Carsonie - Health Care Law
- Laura L. Hult - Commercial Finance Law
- Steven D. Lesser - Energy Law, Government Relations Practice
- Vince J. Nardone - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Health Care Law, Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Tax Law
- Martha J. Sweterlitsch - Health Care Law, Nonprofit / Charities Law

Hackensack, NJ

- Daniel Meier - Health Care Law

New York, NY

- Rachel Hold-Weiss - Health Care Law

San Francisco, CA

- Charanjit Brahma - Litigation - Intellectual Property
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Ruby H. Kazi - Commercial Litigation

Wilmington, DE

- Michael J. Barrie - Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Jennifer R. Hoover - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Commercial Litigation, Financial Services Regulation Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy

2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America Honorees:

Chicago, IL

- Cristina Almendarez - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent
- Leah Beitner - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Tax Law
- Jake A. Cilek - Health Care Law
- Theresa Cross - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Health Care Law
- Christopher DeGrande - Health Care Law
- Mark S. Eisen - Commercial Litigation
- Max Guggenheim - Real Estate Law
- Jacob H. Marshall - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Alexander M. Moss - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Kate Watson Moss - Commercial Litigation
- Lee B. Muench - Commercial Litigation, Health Care Law, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Nesko Radovic - Health Care Law
- Samuel J. Ruggio - Litigation - Patent
- Helen M. Schweitz - Intellectual Property Law
- Jamie N. Ward - Commercial Litigation
- Jacob Wilbers - Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Cleveland, OH

- James Bedell - Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation
- Michael R. Beer - Banking and Finance Law

- Allyson Cady - Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law
- Alison K. Evans - Intellectual Property Law, Technology Law
- Gregory T. Frohman - Commercial Litigation
- Mitchell E. Gecht - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Barry J. Guttman - Real Estate Law
- Rick Hepp - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- David M. Hopkins - Commercial Litigation, Construction Law
- Yelena G. Katz - Labor and Employment Law - Management
- Mariam Keramati - Real Estate Law
- Laura E. Kogan - Commercial Litigation
- Christopher M. Matgouranis - Real Estate Law
- Warren T. McClurg - Commercial Litigation
- Brian D. Mielcusny - Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Justin L. Monday - Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Alyssa A. Moscarino - Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Kelly D. Noll - Real Estate Law
- Connie A. Porter - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Mackenzie L. Rini - Commercial Litigation
- Christopher A. Rogers - Construction Law, Transportation Law
- Abraham Spira - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Deana S. Stein - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Labor and Employment, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- James E. Von der Heydt - Commercial Litigation
- James J. Walsh, Jr. - Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation
- Susan M. White - Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Litigation - Construction
- Jaquan Williams - Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Ryan J. Williams - Banking and Finance Law, Securities Regulation

Columbus, OH

- Joseph R. Blalock - Labor and Employment Law - Management
- Amy L. Craig - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Jonathan N. Fox - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Christopher D. Hopkins - Corporate Law
- Zachary G. Jacob - Health Care Law
- Mark T. Keaney - Commercial Litigation
- Abby Riffee - Commercial Litigation, Construction Law

New York, NY

- Douglas DiMedio - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Geetika Gupta-Roongta - Immigration Law
- Kevin J. Kiley, Jr. - Real Estate Law
- Aaron Schwed - Real Estate Law

San Francisco, CA

- Greg Proctor - Intellectual Property Law, Litigation - Patent

Wilmington, DE

- John C. Gentile - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Kate Harmon - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Andrew Kinsey - Commercial Litigation
- Noelle B. Torrice - Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Transportation Law