PRESS RELEASES

126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings

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Featured Practices: Corporate, Litigation, Healthcare, Labor & Employment, Commercial Finance & Banking, Bankruptcy Reorganizations, Intellectual Property, Executive Compensation & Benefits

Featured Industries: Construction, Energy, Real Estate, Transportation & Logistics

Benesch is proud to announce that the firm has been recognized in the 2027 edition of Best Lawyers in America®. This year, 70 Benesch attorneys have been selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers®, and 56 have been named in Best Lawyers® "Ones to Watch" 2027. Additionally, two 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.

2027 Edition "Lawyer of the Year Award"

Cleveland, OH

- M. Casey Kucharson - Com mercial Transactions/UCC Law

Columbus, OH

- Marc Blubaugh - Transportation Law

The Best Lawyers in America® (2027 Edition)

Cleveland, OH

- Jessica N. Angney - Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- W. Eric Baisden - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management
- Nicholas J. Brill - Corporate 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
- Marisa Darden - Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar

- 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
- Angela R. Gott - Copyright Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Trademark Law
- Joseph N. Gross - Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- 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
- M. Casey Kucharson - Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Finance Law, Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- David Mansbery - Real Estate Law
- Kevin D. Margolis - Environmental Law, Real Estate 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, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- W. Clifford Mull - Health Care Law
- Daniel J. O'Brien - Corporate Law, Health Care Law
- Jared E. Oakes - Real Estate 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
- Matthew David Ridings - Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar,

Litigation - Antitrust

- Robert A. Ross - Corporate Law, International Trade and Finance Law

- H. Alan Rothenbuecher - Commercial Litigation, Trade Secrets Law
- 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
- Michael D. Stovsky - IT Outsourcing Law, Information Technology Law, Privacy and Data Security Law, Technology Law
- Michael K. Swearengen - Real Estate Law
- Richard F. Tracanna - Tax Law
- Michael W. Ward - Corporate Law, Real Estate 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
- 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
- Robert J. Ward - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Chicago, IL

- Elizabeth H. Bray - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Paul Coyle - Banking and Finance Law, Health Care Law

- Scott Downing - Health Care Law
- Jason Greis - Health Care Law
- Melissa Grim - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Seth J. Kleinman - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Manish K. Mehta - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law
- Joan Meyer - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Juan Morado, Jr. - Health Care Law
- Margo Wolf O'Donnell - Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- David Rammelt - Commercial Litigation
- John E. Rooney - Energy Law
- Kal K. Shah - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Patent Law
- Mark J. Silberman - Health Care Law

New York, NY

- Rachel Hold-Weiss - Health Care Law
- Samuel Lee - Real Estate Law
- Daniel Meier - Health Care Law

San Francisco, CA

- Ruby H. Kazi - Commercial Litigation

Wilmington, DE

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

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America (2027 Edition)

Cleveland, OH

- Margaret Ahern - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- James Bedell - Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation
- Alayna Bridgett - Commercial Litigation
- Daniel Briggs - Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Allyson Cady - Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law
- John Dagon - Commercial Litigation
- Caroline Hamilton - Commercial Litigation
- David M. Hopkins - Commercial Litigation, Construction Law
- Vincent Michalec - Commercial Litigation
- Brian D. Mielcusny - Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law
- J. Philip Nester - Transportation Law
- Christopher Razek - Transportation Law
- Mackenzie L. Rini - Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law - Management
- Lauryn T. Robinson - Commercial Litigation
- Christopher A. Rogers - Construction Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Transportation Law
- Nathan Sargent -Health Care Law
- Sarah Schneider - Commercial Litigation
- Bianca Smith - Commercial Litigation
- Abraham Spira - Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Sydney Stroia -Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- James E. Von der Heydt -Commercial Litigation
- James J. Walsh, Jr. - Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation
- Ryan J. Williams -Banking and Finance Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities Regulation

Columbus, Ohio

- Michael E. Fisher - Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law

- Jonathan N. Fox - Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Matthew C. Langhorst - Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Robert Naumoff -Transportation Law

Chicago, IL

- Ermias Y. Abebe - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Cristina Almendarez - Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law
- Patrick J. Beisell - Commercial Litigation
- Theresa Cross - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Health Care Law
- Christopher DeGrande - Health Care Law
- Tevin L. Hopkins - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Trevor J. Martin - Intellectual Property Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Technology Law
- Ashley M. Monzel - Health Care Law
- Emily L. Morrison - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Olivia Paxinos -Commercial Litigation
- Nicholas Pesavento -Tax Law
- Nesko Radovic -Health Care Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Samuel J. Ruggio -Litigation - Patent
- Sam Stucker - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Olivia Sullivan - Commercial Litigation
- Jamie N. Ward - Commercial Litigation
- Jacob Wilbers -Mergers and Acquisitions Law

New York, NY

- Douglas DiMedio -Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Kevin J. Kiley, Jr. - Banking and Finance Law, Real Estate Law
- Eileen Monaghan DeLucia - Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs

- Marissa Hight - Real Estate Law
- Aaron Schwed - Real Estate Law
- Alexander J. Sokoloff - Real Estate Law
- Lion H. Song - Construction Law, Litigation - Construction
- Nicole Yoon - Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Erica Youngerman - Health Care Law

San Francisco, CA

- Sydney E. Allen - Commercial Litigation

Wilmington, DE

- John C. Gentile - Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Andrew Kinsey -Commercial Litigation