

Benesch Adds Associate to Corporate Team in Cleveland

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As Benesch continues to add to its roster of top-notch legal talent, the firm is pleased to welcome Associate Joel Varner to the Corporate & Securities Practice Group in Cleveland.

Joel advises private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies and publicly and privately held companies on complex transactions, including mergers & acquisitions, divestitures, leveraged buyouts, and other strategic transactions. Joel also counsels clients on a broad range of general corporate matters, including governance and executive compensation.

Joel has represented both leading and emerging private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, as well as Fortune 500 and other publicly held companies, on transactions in a variety of sectors, ranging from \$10 million to over \$10 billion. Joel has substantial experience in transactions involving business and professional services, healthcare, software and technology, aerospace and defense, manufacturing and industrials, and transportation and logistics, among others.

Before joining Benesch, Joel was a corporate associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Joel earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School (2017) and his B.S., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Cincinnati (2014).