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Benesch Partner Melissa Grim Named Among 2026 Women in Law: Leaders Leaning In by Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Media

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Benesch is pleased to announce that Melissa Grim, chair of the firm's Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits Practice Group, has been named to the list of 2026 Women in Law: Leaders Leaning In by Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Media. The 7th annual recognition honors influential women in the law who have demonstrated leadership, professional success and a commitment to advancing other women in the profession.

Melissa is one of 41 honorees selected from more than 400 nominations. The group represents law firms, nonprofits, government agencies, public and private companies and healthcare organizations.

"Melissa is an exceptional leader whose impact extends well beyond her practice," said Managing Partner Gregg Eisenberg. "Her dedication to her clients, colleagues and the next generation of women attorneys reflects the very best of Benesch, and we are incredibly proud to see Melissa recognized with this well-deserved honor."

Melissa focuses her practice on employee benefits and executive compensation matters. She counsels private equity funds and public and private companies on benefits, ERISA and executive compensation issues that arise in mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, carve-outs, restructuring and ESOP transactions. Melissa also regularly advises clients on the design, implementation and administration of retirement plans, health and welfare plans, equity and long-term incentive plans and other benefit and compensation arrangements and helps companies navigate the human capital aspects of post-deal transition and integration.

Outside of client work, Melissa is a board member of the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law, connecting women, helping shape programming, enhancing professional development and providing networking opportunities for women at law firms and in-house positions. She has mentored more than a dozen women lawyers in private equity, M&A, corporate and financial practices, guiding them from associate level through advancement to partnership. Melissa is also involved in Big Careers Little Kids | Chicago Professional Women's Network, which connects female professionals in law, finance and business navigating careers as moms.