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Benesch Ranks Among Top Am Law 200 Firms for Data Center Talent as Industry Demand Accelerates

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Benesch ranks among the top 10 Am Law 200 firms for data center hiring since 2020, according to analysis by Pirical Legal Professionals (PLP). The firm ranked eighth on the list for lateral partner hires with data center experience and was recently featured by Pirical in its analysis of law firms powering the data center boom.

As demand for digital infrastructure surges, Benesch's deliberate investment in data center talent and its multidisciplinary approach have strengthened the firm's position in this dynamic sector.

Benesch's Powered Land & Data Centers practice has experienced significant growth, with the firm's team tripling in size in 2025 alone. The firm advises hyperscalers, private equity funds, utilities and developers on all aspects of data center projects, including land acquisition, capital structuring, energy procurement, utility negotiations and regulatory compliance. Benesch's integrated, full-spectrum support spans the entire lifecycle of powered land and data center development, setting the firm apart in a highly competitive market.

This momentum is matched by Benesch's broader growth story. The firm has expanded its attorney headcount by more than 75 percent over the past five years, opened new offices in key markets such as Chicago, San Francisco and New York, and attracted top lateral talent from Am Law 50 firms. Benesch's commitment to innovation, collaboration and client service has earned it national recognition, including top-tier rankings in Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" and Chambers USA.

Lauren Tapper, chief talent officer at Benesch, commented, "Our investment in data center talent has been deliberate and forward-looking. We are seeing sustained client demand at the intersection of real estate, energy, infrastructure and technology, and we have aligned our lateral hiring strategy accordingly. By prioritizing partners with deep, hands-on data center experience, we are not only strengthening our national platform but also ensuring we can guide clients through the full lifecycle of these complex projects, from site selection and incentives to financing, construction and long-term operations. Being recognized among the top firms for data center-focused lateral hiring reflects a disciplined growth strategy driven by where the market is heading and where our clients need us most."

As the data center industry continues to evolve in response to the explosive growth of AI and digital infrastructure, Benesch remains dedicated to providing clients with the legal insight and business-minded solutions needed to succeed in this fast-moving space.

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