

Benesch Ranks First in The American Lawyer Summer Associate Survey

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CLEVELAND, OHIO - November 1, 2007- Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP announced that the firm ranked #1 in Cleveland, #1 in the state of Ohio and 35th nationally in *The American Lawyer Summer Associate Survey*.

Benesch's response rate of 91% included feedback from 10 of the firm's summer associates. The firm received an overall score of 4.644 on a 5 point scale, with 5 being the highest score possible.

"We are very proud of the survey results, as well as of the hard work of everyone at the firm who contributed to making Benesch's Summer Associate Program a great success, " said Jim Hill, Managing Partner of the firm. "We look forward to repeating this achievement in 2008 and in years to come."

The average of nine job satisfaction questions was used to determine a firm's overall score. Scoring questions asked how interesting the work was, how much "real" work was assigned, how the training and guidance measured up, how positive interactions with partners and associates were, how well the firm communicated its goals and expectations, how accurately the firm portrayed itself in interviews, and the respondents' inclination to accept a position if one were offered. The respondents were also asked to rate the firm overall as a place to work.

Kevin Margolis, Chair of the firm's Hiring Committee, added, "The survey results show Benesch has accomplished its goal of providing a meaningful, rewarding summer associate experience. We value the responses that our summer associates provided, and are pleased to have offered them a solid beginning to their legal careers."

Benesch is a five-time winner of the NorthCoast 99 Award - Best Places to Work. In 2007, Benesch ranked #1 in Ohio and #11 in the nation by The American Lawyer Mid-Level Associate Survey which examines associate satisfaction. With offices in Cleveland, Columbus, Philadelphia, Shanghai and Wilmington, Benesch's practice and industry groups include Business Reorganization, the China Group, Compensation & Benefits, Construction, Corporate & Securities, Estate Planning and Probate, Health Care, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Loan Transactions, Polymer Industry, Private Equity, Public Law, Real Estate & Environmental, Tax and Transportation & Logistics. For more information, visit www.bfca.com.