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Benesch's O'Donnell Named to Corporate Counsel's "Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards" List

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Benesch partner Margo Wolf O'Donnell has been named a 2020 "Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards" honoree by Corporate Counsel in the Law Firm Awards' "Collaborative Leadership" category.

The publication's award recognizes "top women lawyers who have made a remarkable difference in the legal profession -- whether in shaping the law, achieving outsized results for their clients, being an outstanding jurist or assisting those in need of legal services."

"I am honored to be listed among these accomplished leaders of the legal industry," said O'Donnell. "One thing we all share is the drive to make the practice of law more inclusive, enabling all attorneys to work better together for the best possible representation of our clients. That's what collaborative leadership is all about."

O'Donnell co-chairs the Labor & Employment Practice Group at Benesch. She also co-founded B-Sharp, a networking and professional development group, sponsored by the firm, supporting women in-house counsel in their professional development. The group has grown exponentially since its 2018 launch, helping women lawyers across multiple industries connect to one another. O'Donnell also co-chairs the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law, a national women's bar association with more than 100 member law firms.

"All of us at Benesch are fortunate to have Margo as part of our team. Beyond the work she does directly for our clients, her leadership inside and outside the firm benefits us all. In strengthening the position of women across the legal profession, she ensures that diverse perspectives inform the strategic counsel guiding today's businesses," said Gregg Eisenberg, Benesch's Managing Partner and Executive Committee Member.

O'Donnell brings 25 years of legal experience to her work counseling clients on best practices for strategic training, drafting employment and separation agreements, managing individual and group discharges, and conducting high-level internal investigations. She regularly serves as lead counsel in employment litigation matters, including cases involving restrictive covenants and trade secrets. She also defends claims involving allegations of discrimination, harassment, wage and hour violations, and breach of contract.