

Ira Kaplan Named Best Lawyers' 2010 Cleveland Corporate Lawyer of the Year

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CLEVELAND, OH - November 17, 2009 - Benesch is pleased to announce that Managing Partner, Ira Kaplan has been named by *Best Lawyers* as "Cleveland Best Lawyers Corporate Lawyer of the Year" for 2010.

Best Lawyers is designating "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year." *Best Lawyers* compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting peer-review surveys in which thousands of lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers.

The lawyers being honored as "Lawyers of the Year" have received particularly high ratings in the surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

Mr. Kaplan focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions as well as public and private debt and equity financings. He represents both publicly and privately held companies at various stages of growth. He has been involved in planning for growth companies, helping to position them for various stages of private financing and anticipated public offerings. Mr. Kaplan also represents private equity, subordinated debt and venture funds as well as portfolio companies of such funds.

About Benesch

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