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Kucharson, Miller, Sweterlitsch and Turk Named Partners

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Benesch is pleased to announce that M. Casey Kucharson, Amanda M. Miller, Martha J. Sweterlitsch and Jennifer M. Turk have been named partners at the firm.

Mr. Kucharson has been named a partner with Benesch's Commercial Finance & Banking Practice Group and the Corporate & Securities Practice Group. He represents banks, other financial institutions, and borrowers in secured and unsecured lending transactions. His experience includes structuring, documenting and negotiating various types of loan transactions, including asset-based transactions, health care transactions, subordinated debt placements, letters of credit and bond financings, syndications, venture capital transactions and other leveraged buyout transactions. Mr. Kucharson also counsels companies on day-to-day corporate matters. He received his B.S., cum laude, from Miami University and his J.D., summa cum laude, from The University of Akron School of Law. He works out of the firm's Cleveland office.

Ms. Miller has been named a partner with the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. She represents clients in a range of intellectual property matters, particularly patent litigation, licensing, and prosecution matters. She is experienced in preparing patent applications relating to pharmaceutical, chemical and mechanical inventions. Ms. Miller also has prepared patent-related opinions, such as freedom-to-operate and invalidity opinions including those related to Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDA). Additionally, Ms. Miller has experience advising on patenting strategy and litigation avoidance/design-arounds, as well as supervising foreign patent prosecution. Ms. Miller received her B.S. from Capital University and her J.D., with honors, from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She works out the firm's Cleveland office.

Ms. Sweterlitsch has been named a partner with the firm's Health Care Practice Group. She is also chair of the firm's Not-for-Profit Team. Ms. Sweterlitsch Her practice focuses on not-for-profit, administrative, health, state tax, and federal and state tax exemption law and lobbying. Significant areas of practice include creation, reorganization, mergers and consolidations and ongoing advice to not-for-profit corporations, state and federal tax and tax exemption for not for profit organizations, and legal issues related to charitable solicitation and fundraising. She also has experience as borrower's counsel for not-for-profit entities doing tax exempt financing. She has been involved over many years with legislative initiatives affecting the regulation, operation and taxation of not-for-profit entities, including changes to the charitable solicitation laws. Ms. Sweterlitsch received her B.A. from The Ohio State University and her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She works out of the firm's Columbus office.

Ms. Turk has been named a partner with Benesch's Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice primarily on employment litigation, counseling of long term care facilities, commercial litigation and insurance matters. She counsels employers regarding the policies contained in their employee handbooks as well as issues involving employee discharge and employee leave. Ms. Turk has experience with protection of trade secret information and the enforcement of non-competition agreements. She also counsels long term care facilities regarding their resident admission practices and procedures, collection issues and issues related to residents' rights. Ms. Turk received her B.A. from Marquette University and her J.D. from The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law. She works out of the firm's Columbus office.

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