

Adam N. Saurwein

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Overview

Adam focuses his national real estate practice on the acquisition, disposition, development, redevelopment, investment, management, and financing of multifamily, office, retail, hotel, mixed-use, and industrial properties. He advises clients on both single-asset transactions and complex, multi-state, multi-property portfolio transactions across the country.

Adam regularly represents Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), developers, investors, lenders, private equity funds, and other institutional and non-institutional investors, developers and owners of commercial real estate. He has counseled clients on all aspects of debt and equity in real estate transactions, including complex joint ventures, general and limited partnerships, permanent financing, CMBS financing, and mezzanine financing transactions. Adam also brings significant experience in construction finance, guiding clients through the intricacies of AIA construction documents and managing the transactional aspects of construction projects, from contract negotiation to project completion.

Representative Matters

- Represented a leading national real estate developer in its financing from a national bank to acquire a multifamily development valued at approximately $73 million, structured as a joint venture negotiated with a global private equity fund. The engagement included simultaneously coordinating the acquisition of contiguous parcels from multiple adjacent private sellers to facilitate a lot split, together with the negotiation of a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of the subdivided parcel to an adjacent developer. The transaction also required negotiating two development agreements, a shared infrastructure development agreement with the developer and a public infrastructure development agreement with the local municipality, along with a public right of way dedication to satisfy state and municipal zoning and regulatory requirements.
- Represented a national bank in its negotiations for an approximately $60 million loan to a joint venture of two national industrial real estate investment firms, secured by an industrial property.
- Represented a leading commercial real estate investment and management firm in negotiating an approximately $37 million cross collateralized portfolio financing from a national life insurance company, secured by four industrial properties located across three states.
- Represented a national real estate developer, as lender, in the $48.25 million refinancing of a multifamily property in Houston, Texas.
- Represented the seller in connection with the $35.5 million sale of a 342-unit multifamily apartment complex in Beachwood, Ohio.
- Represented a real estate investor in the sale of a multifamily residential property.
- Represented a real estate investment firm in the parcelization and sale of a retail property in Aurora, OH.
- Represented a client in the $80+ million acquisition of Quarry Center, a 30-acre retail property in Haverford Township, Pennsylvania, including tenants such as Giant and Lowe's.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, 2009, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law and Health
- Cleveland State University, 2009, Masters, Urban Planning, Design and Development
  - Certificate of Specialization, Real Estate Development and Finance
- University of Dallas, 1999, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Outreach Committee, Urban Land Institute
- Member, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties
- Member, International Council of Shopping Centers
- Member, Cleveland Leadership Center's Bridge Builders, Class of 2014
- Board Member and Vice President of the Board, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
- Board Member, Village Capital Corporation
- Board Member, Monroe Street Historic Cemetery Foundation
- Fellow, American College of Mortgage Attorneys
- Mentor, Ohio Supreme Court Lawyer to Lawyer Mentorship Program
- Former Member, Benesch Associate Development Committee, 2013-2016
- Former Ambassador, Partners in Justice, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

Awards & Recognition

- Named, GlobeSt Influencer in Multifamily Real Estate, 2025
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars 2016-2019

Beyond the office

Did you know?

Adam was a classical languages major in college and taught Latin for two years.

Did you know?

Adam enjoys running and cycling. He is also an avid traveler and recently went on a trek through the Himalayas.

News & Insights

- Partners Michael Estreicher and Adam Saurwein Named Vice Chairs of Benesch's Real Estate Practice Group
  October 12, 2026 | Press Releases

- Benesch Real Estate Partner Adam Saurwein Selected as Fellow of the American College to Mortgage Attorneys
  February 26, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partner Adam Saurwein Named a GlobeSt 2025 Influencer in Multifamily Real Estate
  September 30, 2025 | Press Releases
- Creative Financing of Brownfields Sites
  October 30, 2023 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Benesch Ranks in Midwest Real Estate News
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Benesch Names Nine New Partners in 2018
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Recruiting Brochure: Adam Saurwein
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- My Benesch My Team - NRP Group
  June 30, 2021 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Recent Trends in the Real Estate and Construction Sectors | Adam N. Saurwein
  September 21, 2022 | Speaking Engagement