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Overview

Allan counsels clients across various industries in domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, and in financing, licensing, supply, distribution and other commercial transactions as well as in general business matters.

Allan co-chairs the firm's China Practice, which he founded in 2003, is an active member of its Corporate Practice Group, which he chaired from 1985 through 1991, and served as the firm's Managing Partner from 1991 through 1999.

His experience handling more than 1,000 M&A transactions during his 40+ year Benesch career facilitates Allan coming to understand each client's concerns and objectives, and then working with each client and its other professionals to navigate transactions to successful conclusions.

Referring to his company's large and complex 2018/2019 M&A transaction guided by a Benesch team led by Allan and a Benesch tax partner, the company's CEO stated, in a published testimonial, *"Allan and … everyone I interacted with at Benesch… had the ability to tailor their own styles to fit what we needed…, were both fun and easy to work with…, were very warm and very smart, and obviously knew their field." The CEO also stated, "Allan … and his Benesch colleagues personify the people you'd want next to you, because they understand teamwork and they don't view self-sacrifice as an imposition.… A deal like [ours] is stressful.… [and] I cannot picture anyone I'd rather have next to me in a really rough situation than the Benesch folks."*

Every year since 2006, Allan has been selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America® in Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and was selected as the 2018-2019 Mergers and Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

Allan holds leadership positions and is actively involved with several local and national civic and charitable organizations.

Representative Matters

- Represented Amprion, a developer of technology for the early detection of neurodegenerative brain diseases, in connection with Series A and Series B equity financings.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Ohio University, 1969, B.A., *cum laude*
  - Honors College
- Cleveland State University College of Law, 1973, J.D., *cum laude*
  - Editor-in-Chief, *Law Review*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, Board of Directors, Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland
- Member, Board of Directors and Past Chair, National Federation for Just Communities
- Vice Chair, The Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio
- Member, Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group
- Member, Advisory Committee, Global Cleveland
- Member, Team NEO International Advisory Council
- Member, Community Planning Committee and Holocaust Survivor Committee of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
- Member, Board of Directors, Jewish Community Housing
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2021-2025

News & Insights

- 132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 14, 2024 | Press Releases
- China Lowers Market Entry Barriers for Foreign-Invested Telecommunications Businesses Established in Shanghai Free Trade Zone
  October 30, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Best Lawyers in America® Rankings 2024
  August 17, 2023 | Press Releases
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2023
  August 18, 2022 | Press Releases
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2022
  August 19, 2021 | Press Releases
- China's New Export Control Law: A Fact Sheet With Practical Applications
  November 25, 2020 | Client Alerts & Insights
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2021
  August 20, 2020 | Press Releases
- My Benesch My Team - Aperio Group
  March 22, 2020 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) Industry Virtual Hangout | Allan Goldner
  June 20, 2020 | Speaking Engagement