

A professional portrait of Ashley C. Rice, a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, wearing a dark blazer over a dark top. She is standing in a modern office hallway with warm lighting and blurred background.

## Ashley C. Rice

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## Overview

**Ashley advises clients on their transactional and regulatory needs in transportation, logistics, supply chain and international trade matters. Those clients include shippers, transportation intermediaries, and carriers. She represents clients in contract drafting and negotiations, regulatory compliance guidance, business operation counsel and strategic support for mergers and acquisitions.**

Ashley has also given clients regulatory guidance for transportation and international trade matters involving freight forwarders, ocean transportation intermediaries, air carriers, HTS code classifications, sanctions and embargoes. Specifically, Ashley has helped clients navigate complex export, import and export control regulations. She has also conducted regulatory review of matters involving shippers and brokers including cargo liability. Ashley represented clients in mergers and acquisitions transactions involving transportation and international trade operations. She also assisted in developing robust compliance programs for companies.

## Representative Matters

- Represented Astō Consumer Partners, a consumer-focused investment firm, in its \$105 million strategic investment in Starface World, Inc.
- Represented Harbor Global, a portfolio company of BayPine, in its acquisition of Encoretech, a specialized training and user adoption services company focused on the legal sector.

# Credentials

## EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, 2024, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Dean's List
  - Cali Award in Corporations
  - Cleveland State Law Review, Chief Managing Editor (2023-2024)
- University of Pittsburgh, 2014, B.A.

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

# News & Insights

- [Section 122 - Supply Chain Reactions to CIT Decision](#)  
May 8, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [New 301 Tariffs Coming - Immediate Action Items for Supply Chains](#)  
March 20, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Benesch Advises Astō Consumer Partners in Strategic Investment in Starface World, Inc.](#)  
March 6, 2026 | Press Releases
- [IEEPA Tariffs - Top Five Q&A for Supply Chains after U.S. Supreme Court Decision](#)  
February 20, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Non-Domiciled CDLs - FMCSA Final Rule and its Operational Impacts](#)  
February 17, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Benesch Advises Revelar Capital on Acquisition of Lettermen's Energy, Building National Propane Platform](#)  
February 2, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Jonathan Todd and Ashley Rice Featured in Law360 Top Tariff Guest Articles of 2025](#)  
December 30, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch Advises Harbor on Acquisition of Encoretech, Accelerating Digital Transformation Across the Legal Sector](#)  
December 8, 2025 | Press Releases
- [November 1 Tariff Increase for Heavy- and Medium-Duty Trucks and Buses](#)  
October 30, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [USMCA Joint Review 2026 - Public Comment Period Now Open](#)  
September 19, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights

# Speaking & Events

## PAST EVENTS

- Tariff Mitigation Toolbox: Understanding Customs Bonded Warehousing | Jonathan R. Todd, Christopher C. Razek and Ashley C. Rice  
June 12, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- SOLVING THE PUZZLE: Proactive Supply Chain Solutions | Jonathan R. Todd, Megan K. MacCallum, Vanessa I. Gomez, and Ashley C. Rice  
June 10, 2025 | Speaking Engagement