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Overview

Cheryl is a veteran government relations professional with almost 30 years of experience representing companies and trade associations in Ohio state politics. Since August 1999, Cheryl has worked as the Director of Government Relations at the Ohio Telecom Association, a statewide trade association representing 41 telecommunications providers throughout Ohio, along with more than 100 suppliers.

In addition to many association management duties, she is responsible for overseeing all telecommunications policy matters represented in the Ohio General Assembly and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Prior to joining Benesch, Cheryl also served as Director of Communications in the Ohio House of Representatives under House Speaker Jo Ann Davidson, where she served as chief spokesperson for the majority caucus. In 1994, she worked as press secretary for Sen. Mike DeWine's successful campaign for the U.S. Senate. Cheryl also served as a media relations specialist for majority members of the Ohio Senate from 1992 - 1994.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Ohio University, 1991, B.S., *cum laude*, Journalism

Memberships

- Member, Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Nominating Council

News & Insights

- Why Ohio's Congressional Redistricting is Still in the Headlines
  September 26, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Trump-Inspired One Big Beautiful Bill Passes U.S. House
  May 27, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 2024 Government Relations Practice Group Year in Review
  February 28, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Ohio's 2024 Lame Duck Session: Highlights and Missed Opportunities
  January 3, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Ohio General Assembly Tackles Lame Duck Session and Selects New Leaders for the Next
  November 26, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- What to Expect in 2024 at the Ohio Statehouse
  January 9, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Cheryl Burchard, Kristopher Chandler, Holly Gross, and Robert Zimmerman named in JDSupra | "The Year in Cannabis - 2023 Popular Reads in JD Supra"
  January 4, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Ohioans to Vote on Statewide Ballot Issues
  October 13, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Governor Signs State Budget
  July 6, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Ohio House Passes Its Version of State Budget
  April 27, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights