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Overview

Chris focuses his practice on real estate and land use litigation, primarily representing energy companies in right-of-way acquisition and enforcement, and infrastructure protection litigation. He also has extensive experience in commercial, environmental, construction, and tort litigation.

He has significant hands-on experience managing all phases of litigation, including initial case intake and evaluation, discovery, preparing fact and expert witnesses, taking and defending fact and expert depositions, motion practice, arguing in open court, trial, and alternative dispute resolution. Chris currently serves as lead counsel in infrastructure protection litigation for an interstate natural gas pipeline company.

Chris earned his J.D., summa cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law in 2015, and his B.A. from Middlebury College in 2010. While attending law school, he served as the Associate Managing Editor of the American University Law Review, and externed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended MIDAMCO in an adverse possession lawsuit filed by an adjoining landowner concerning portions of a warehouse property. Following discovery that undermined the plaintiff's claims, the case was resolved through a favorable confidential settlement.

- Represented a natural gas pipeline company in a dispute over access to property after a landslip threatened the structural integrity of a critical pipeline. Benesch secured injunctive relief, granting immediate access for repairs.
- Represented a natural gas pipeline company in a dispute over property damage caused by a contractor exceeding mowing limits on a pipeline right-of-way. Benesch secured dismissal of claims against the parent company and obtained voluntary dismissal of our client after clarifying easement terms and contractor responsibility.
- Represented natural gas distribution company in variance application to construct a new regulator station.
- Represented energy company in a breach of lease litigation at a decommissioned power plant.
- Represented landlord in adverse possession litigation filed by encroaching neighbor.
- Represented natural gas storage company in litigation filed by landowner related to certain covenants contained within the storage lease.
- Represented interstate natural gas pipeline company in TRO proceeding to allow access to pipeline for safety upgrades.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- American University, Washington College of Law, 2015, J.D., *summa cum laude*
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  - Gillett Prize
- Middlebury College, 2010, B.A. in History, *magna cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Washington
- Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®* Ones to Watch, Construction Law; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Transportation Law, 2024-2027

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
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- 132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 14, 2024 | Press Releases
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