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Overview

Chris focuses his real estate practice on development, redevelopment, financings, investments, acquisitions and dispositions of all types of multifamily residential, office, retail, hotel, mixed use and industrial properties in both single-asset transactions and multi-property portfolio transactions.

He regularly represents developers, investors, lenders, private equity funds, and other institutional and non-institutional investors, and owners of commercial real estate. He has counseled clients on all aspects of debt and equity in real estate transactions, including construction financing, permanent financing, mezzanine financing transactions, workouts, complex joint ventures, and partnership matters.

He also has significant experience with distressed real estate assets and bankruptcy, as well as the real estate aspects of business acquisitions and dispositions, particularly with respect to the health care industry.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national real estate developer, as lender, in the $48.25 million refinancing of a multifamily property in Houston, Texas.
- Represented a national real estate investment and asset management firm in connection with a joint venture, financing, and acquisition of a retail and multifamily property.
- Represented a global investment firm in the disposition of membership interests and related financing for a 728,000-square-foot industrial facility in Ohio valued at $61.5 million.

- Represented a client in the sale of a multifamily property in Philadelphia involving the individual sale of more than 200 condominiums, requiring extensive negotiation of HOA matters, individual pricing and title issues.
- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately $2 billion.
- Represented one of the largest multifamily developers in the country as the seller in its disposition of an affordable housing property in Michigan, structured as a partnership interest entity sale.
- Member of the team that represented a public REIT in a $2.5 billion sale.
- Helped shepherd the largest private coal company in the world through Chapter 11 bankruptcy and helped manage real estate assets valued in the billions of dollars.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Ohio University, 2011, B.A., *summa cum laude*
- The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, 2014, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Articles Editor, Ohio State Law Journal
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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers®* Ones to Watch, Real Estate Law (2021-2026), Banking and Finance Law (2026)

News & Insights

- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- 132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 14, 2024 | Press Releases
- Continuing Health Care Solutions, Inc. (CHS) Receives $43.3 Million Credit Facility
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Benesch Adds Two Associates to Cleveland Office
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Best Lawyers in America® Rankings 2024
  August 17, 2023 | Press Releases
- Benesch's new Cleveland Partners mentioned in Crain’s Cleveland People on the Move
  January 30, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Names 20 New Partners for 2023
  January 2, 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
- My Benesch My Team - NRP Group
  June 30, 2021 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads