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Overview

With practicality, financial acumen and a collaborative approach, Cody guides clients through mergers, acquisitions, capital markets transactions and other complex corporate matters. Cody represents private equity firms, public and private companies, family offices, and financial advisors in structuring, negotiating and closing M&A transactions, securities offerings, financings and alternative investments.

He regularly counsels clients on corporate governance, public company reporting and regulatory compliance, including securities exchange filings, and represents issuers and underwriters in securities offerings. He frequently appears before forums including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Nasdaq.

Drawing on his prior experience as a CPA, certified valuation analyst, in-house counsel and M&A consultant, Cody offers strategic advice with solutions grounded in a deep understanding of financial statements, valuation, and his clients' industries and business operations. He anticipates legal and commercial challenges while keeping deals on track and aligned with his clients' ultimate goals.

Cody has represented clients across a range of industries, including technology, manufacturing, financial services, business services, construction, and food and beverage. Working closely with clients throughout their investment lifecycle, he coordinates with internal stakeholders and external advisors, moving deals efficiently to closing.

Before joining Benesch, Cody was an attorney at ArentFox Schiff and Winston & Strawn, served as general counsel of a mid-market technology company, and was a corporate consultant providing financial due diligence, valuation and transaction advisory services. He brings that experience and unrivaled perspective to bear in helping clients advance their interests and achieve their business goals.

Representative Matters

- Represented Astō Consumer Partners, a consumer-focused investment firm, in its $105 million strategic investment in Starface World, Inc.
- Represented Palmetto in its acquisition of The Cool Down, the world's leading clean lifestyle media platform, marking the first time a clean energy company has acquired a clean lifestyle platform and expanding Palmetto's reach in the home energy marketplace.
- Represented Alpine Investors and its portfolio company Ascend, a provider of practice management services to accounting businesses (operating in an alternative practice structure), in multiple add-on acquisitions.
- Represented Lone Star Paving, an asphalt manufacturing and paving company headquartered in Austin, Texas, in its sale to Construction Partners, Inc. (CPI), a civil infrastructure company specializing in roadway construction and maintenance (Nasdaq: ROAD).*
- Represented NEXT Renewable Fuels (n/k/a NXTClean Fuels) in connection with its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Red Rock Biofuels through a bondholder-initiated foreclosure sale.*
- Represented Paradigm Outcomes, a complex healthcare solutions provider and portfolio company of OMERS Private Equity, in its acquisition of HomeCare Connect, a leading specialty network focused on home health and durable medical equipment.*
- Represented iCoreConnect Inc. (Nasdaq: ICCT), a healthcare enterprise software and technology provider, in its business combination with FG Merger Corp.*
- Represented Nukkleus Inc. (Nasdaq: NUKK), a FOREX technology, custody, and payment services provider, in its business combination with Brilliant Acquisition Corp.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
- DePaul University, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, MBA
- Purdue University, B.S., Finance and Accounting

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association
- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Certified Public Accountant (inactive)
- Certified Valuation Analyst, NACVA (inactive)

News & Insights

- Benesch Represents L2 Brands in Acquisition of Wild Tribute
  June 25, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Astō Consumer Partners in Strategic Investment in Starface World, Inc.
  March 6, 2026 | Press Releases
- Cody Boender and Tasha Serafin mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  December 17, 2025 | Media Mentions