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Overview

David is a partner in Benesch's Litigation and Class Action Practice Groups. He is an experienced litigator who focuses his practice on business disputes. In particular, he defends clients in consumer class actions and related regulatory matters. He also handles securities litigation and SEC investigations for public companies. In addition to financial services firms, David represents a variety of other businesses, large and small, in litigation involving breaches of contract, intellectual property, construction, real estate and product liability.

Since 2001, David has been representing public and private companies in a wide variety of complex litigation throughout the country.

Representative Matters

- Representation of the administrative agent of a syndicate of lenders in connection with the bankruptcy of a gaming company in a major metropolitan area.
- Representation of mortgage originators, servicers, and securitization trustees in consumer class actions challenging the banks' lending, servicing, and foreclosure practices.
- Representation of banks in multi-district litigation alleging that the banks wrongfully assessed certain overdraft fees.
- Represented credit card processors and issuing banks in a variety of litigation, including putative class actions and Consumer Financial Protective Bureau investigations.
- Representation of a bank in litigation arising out of the bank's service as trustee for thousands of customers seeking to collect proceeds from a class action settlement.

- Representation of a bank in connection with an SEC inquiry, an FDIC complaint, and a federal securities class action arising out of commercial real estate loans.
- Representation of a technology firm in a breach of contract, tortious interference, and misappropriation of trade secrets case against former employees and a competitor who allegedly misappropriated confidential client information and other proprietary material.
- Representation of a transit authority in a putative class action brought by disabled riders of public transportation claiming that the quality of service violates the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Chicago Law School, 2001, J.D.
- Colorado College, 1998, B.A., *magna cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

News & Insights

- Group Defamation Claims and the Evolving Limits of the Group Libel Doctrine
  October 22, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Team Featured in Law360 Article on TopstepTrader Claims Against Nuvei
  September 16, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Defamation Dispatch: Q2 2026
  August 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- Is Florida the New Hot Jurisdiction for Defamation Cases?
  July 6, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- When ChatGPT Lies: What the First Wave of AI Defamation Cases Means for Plaintiffs
  June 24, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- A Defining Year for Defamation: Key Decisions and Emerging Trends
  June 12, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Client Smartmatic Reaches Settlement With Newsmax
  September 27, 2024 | Press Releases

- Joe Castrodale, Greg Phillips, Trevor Covey, James von der Heydt and David Pope mentioned in Law360 | "Restaurant, Payment Co. Get $52M Deal OK'd Amid Objections"
  October 30, 2023 | Media Mentions
- J. Erik Connolly, Michael Vatis, Nicole E. Wrigley, Lee B. Muench, David D. Pope, Caitlin A. Kovacs and Kevin T. Carlson mentioned in Law360 Article | "Fox Targets Soros In Smartmatic $2.7B Defamation Suit"
  September 29, 2023 | Media Mentions
- J. Erik Connolly, Michael Vatis, Nicole E. Wrigley, Lee B. Muench, David D. Pope and Caitlin A. Kovacs mentioned in Law360 | "Smartmatic 'Never Going to be Dominion,' Says Fox Atty"
  September 21, 2023 | Media Mentions