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Overview

Dave is a partner in Benesch's New York office and a seasoned real estate private equity transactional lawyer with more than a decade of experience advising private equity funds, family offices, and developers on their most complex and consequential deals.

Dave's practice focuses on joint ventures, acquisitions, dispositions, recapitalizations, and preferred equity structures across all asset classes in major U.S. markets. He represents clients on both sides of the table, operating sponsors and capital partners alike, bringing a perspective to every negotiation that reflects a genuine understanding of how deals work, not just how documents read.

Clients describe Dave as pragmatic, commercially minded, and focused on outcomes. He operates as a business counselor as much as a legal technician, identifying the issues that actually matter, cutting through the ones that don't, and keeping transactions moving toward closing. His deals typically range from \$20 million to \$250 million, and his clients range from emerging private equity sponsors to established institutional capital partners deploying capital across primary and secondary markets nationwide.

Before joining Benesch, Dave was an attorney at King & Spalding and Kirkland & Ellis.

**Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.*

Representative Matters

- Represented a data center developer in the negotiation and execution of a multibillion-dollar powered land and data center development transaction, including the construction and installation of an on-site 500 MW natural gas generation facility.

- Represented Columbia Pacific Advisors in a joint venture with Criterion Group in obtaining \$180 million in refinancing for a 34-property, 15.4 million-square-foot industrial outdoor storage portfolio spanning 290 acres across key Tier 1 and Tier 2 markets nationwide.
- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately \$2 billion.
- Represented Pantzer Properties, Inc. in the formation of Panco Strategic Real Estate Funds II - V.*
- Advised Clarion Partners' management in connection with the recapitalization and acquisition of an 83% ownership stake by Legg Mason for \$585 million. Advising various fund sponsors in connection with sponsor-level recapitalizations and strategic investments.*
- Represented a private equity real estate company in the disposition of an office complex valued at approximately \$153 million in Seattle, Washington.*
- Representation of Douglas Emmett, Inc. in connection with the formation of a joint venture with Qatar Investment Authority to acquire a portfolio of four office buildings in Los Angeles for \$1.34 billion.*
- Represented overseas investors in the disposition of industrial portfolios and multifamily assets.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Emory University, J.D.
- Columbia University, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- New York

Awards & recognition

- Listed, New York Real Estate Journal, Ones to Watch - Industry Leaders, 2026

News & Insights

- [Benesch Partner David Hudson Named Among New York Real Estate Journal's 2026 Ones to Watch: Industry Leaders](#)
May 1, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Benesch's David Hudson Publishes Article in CityBiz on Real Estate Private Equity Structuring](#)
March 24, 2026 | Contributed Content & Presentations

- [Seth Kleinman and David Hudson Mentioned in Crain's New York People on the Move](#)
June 10, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Law360 Pulse Features New Real Estate Partner David Hudson, Highlighting Growing NY Office](#)
March 18, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch NY Office Continues Growth, Adding BigLaw Real Estate Partner David Hudson](#)
March 13, 2025 | Press Releases
- [“Bespoke” Fiduciary Duties in Delaware: Flexibility at What Cost?](#)
February 25, 2025 | Contributed Content & Presentations