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Overview

Ermias advises private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, as well as both publicly and privately held companies, on complex transactions. These include mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, carve-outs, leveraged buyouts and other strategic endeavors. Ermias has represented private equity sponsors, private companies and publicly traded companies in transactions ranging from $1 million to $4.4 billion, spanning both the U.S. and international markets.

Additionally, Ermias offers comprehensive counsel on a wide spectrum of general corporate matters and complex commercial arrangements.

Prior to his tenure with Benesch, Ermias was an attorney at Winston & Strawn LLP. He also served as Associate Counsel for the National Basketball Association (NBA), where he was the lead international media lawyer, overseeing international media and social media transactions.

**Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.*

Representative Matters

- Represented Trivest in the platform acquisition of Province, a leading and nationally recognized restructuring and advisory firm.
- Represented The Kleinfelder Group, Inc. in acquiring a full-service engineering and consulting firm that provides solutions to natural gas utilities and pipeline operators.*

- Represented a global insurance brokerage and risk management services firm in a carveout acquisition of an insurance agency from a bank.*
- Represented Concentric Equity Partners in its acquisition of a multi-store boat dealer and marine services provider.*
- Represented Chart Industries, Inc. (NYSE: GTLS) in the divestiture of its cryobiological products business (MVE Biological Products) to Cryoport, Inc. (NASDAQ: CYRX) for $320 million.*
- Represented Chart Industries, Inc. (NYSE: GTLS) in its acquisition of Howden, for approximately $4.4 billion.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, 2017, J.D.
- Virginia Tech University, 2014, B.S.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers®* Ones to Watch, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, 2026
- Named to The National Black Lawyers Association's "Top 40 Under 40" Attorneys in Illinois List, 2024

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
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Represents Algar Inc. in Sale of Grade A Auto Parts, Advancing Fenix Parts' National Footprint
  August 7, 2025 | Press Releases
- Three Benesch Attorneys Named to 2025 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellows and Pathfinders Programs
  March 12, 2025 | Press Releases

- Benesch Names Eleven New Partners for 2025
  January 3, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Facilitates Acquisition for Trivest, Marking a Strategic Investment into the Restructuring and Financial Advisory Market via its $1.3 Billion Trivest Recognition Fund
  July 23, 2024 | Press Releases
- Ermias Abebe mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  January 26, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Welcomes Associate to Corporate Team in Chicago
  December 20, 2023 | Press Releases