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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

- [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