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Overview

Frank is widely recognized as a powerhouse attorney and business advisor in the complex and ever-evolving healthcare legal landscape, both nationally and in Columbus, Ohio-one of the most dynamic markets for healthcare, life sciences, and medical innovation. For more than three decades, Frank has played a key role in some of the most significant and transformative healthcare transactions, guiding clients through the complexities to accomplish their goals.

Chair of the Benesch Healthcare Practice Group and a member of the firm's Corporate Practice Group, Frank counsels individuals and entities operating at the intersection of healthcare business, law, and regulatory policy, supporting healthcare providers and other healthcare-adjacent entities and investors.

He is exceptionally skilled in helping clients navigate mergers, acquisitions, sales, expansions, reorganizations, strategic alliances, private equity and venture capital investment, equity and debt financings, and recapitalizations.

Frank counsels clients on a wide range of healthcare regulatory and compliance matters, including federal and state fraud, waste, and abuse laws and regulations, as well as HIPAA and data security and privacy matters. He guides clients in responding to government audits, conducts internal investigations, handles self-disclosures, designs and advises on the implementation of compliance programs, and represents clients in enforcement actions. Clients also benefit from Frank's astute counsel regarding business structuring and organization, corporate governance, reimbursement matters and compensation structures, complex compliance functions, and business alignment and affiliation strategies.

In addition to his active law practice, Frank serves as partner-in-charge of Benesch's Columbus, Ohio office.

Representative Matters

- Served as outside counsel in connection with the completion of an agreement for the sale of Summa Health to HatCo. This represents one of the most significant healthcare system transactions in Ohio in recent years and one of the first in which a major health system has been sold to an affiliate of a private equity fund.
- Represented client as health care regulatory counsel related to the purchase of three skilled nursing facilities in Florida. Conducted all healthcare and regulatory due diligence of the seller and worked with seller's counsel to resolve multiple licensure issues in advance of execution of the definitive agreements. In addition to providing counsel on the key definitive agreements including the purchase and sale agreement, operating lease agreement, cost sharing agreement and facility management agreement, we reviewed and provide counsel on key provisions of a joint venture agreement our client entered into with a third party. The joint venture entity became the ultimate buyer of the facilities. We also provide advice and counsel on regulatory aspects and considerations of loan documents in connections with the financing to provide the capital to complete the transaction.
- Represented a credit investment firm as health care regulatory counsel related to the purchase of three skilled nursing facilities in Florida.
- Represented a fertility practice and its associated ambulatory surgical center in their sale to a fertility clinic.
- Represented private equity sponsor in its simultaneous acquisitions of an oncology practice service provider and a group purchasing organization.
- Represented client company in connection with a recapitalization involving the sale of a majority equity interest in the company from a management company to a local health system. The transaction also involved the assignment and assumption of the management agreement for operation of the company surgery center business. We reviewed and negotiated all definitive agreements including the membership interest purchase agreement, amended and restated operating agreement, transition services agreement, joint venture services agreement, assignment and assumption agreement and all applicable written actions and resolutions.
- Served as deal counsel in recapitalization and reorganization of an ambulatory surgery center, including the addition of a health system partner and sale and leaseback of real estate assets.
- Served as deal counsel for a regional health system in the reorganization of its home health care and hospice service line through a spin out and joint venture with a management company.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Capital University Law School, 1992, J.D., magna cum laude
  - Articles Editor, Capital University Law Review
  - Order of the Curia
  - Dean's List, all semesters
  - Alumni Scholarship Recipient
- Wittenberg University, 1987, B.A., Biology
  - Varsity Football (All-Academic and All-Ohio Athletic Conference)
  - Dean's List
  - Tri-Beta Biology Honorary
  - Alumni Scholarship Recipient

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association (Health Law Section)
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, Columbus Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Board Member, Columbus Speech and Hearing Center (Development Committee; Chair, Golf Committee 2011)
- Board Member, Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, Central Ohio Chapter (2000-2008; Past President 2003-08)
- Adjunct Professor, Franklin University (2002-2007)
- Committee Member, Easter Seals of Central Ohio (Golf Classic Committee 2000-03, Planned Giving Committee 1994-99)
- Member, Association for Corporate Growth (Columbus Chapter)

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Health Care Law, 2007-2027
- Named, Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer, 2024-2025
- Listed, *Smart Business* "Columbus Smart 50," 2023
- Recipient, Leading Lawyer Award presented by The Ambulatory M&A Advisor, 2016
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Health Care, 2014-2026
- AV Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers, Healthcare, 2009-2026
- Listed, Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2005-2006
- Graduate, Leadership Columbus, 2005
- Listed, Forty Under 40, Columbus Business First, 2003

News & Insights

- Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: October/November 2026
  November 3, 2026 | Newsletters
- Beyond the Cash Register: Why Medical Spas Face Real Healthcare Regulatory Risk
  September 3, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: July/August 2026
  August 10, 2026 | Newsletters
- California AG's Carbon Health Settlement Raises the Stakes for MSO-PC Structures and Continuity Planning in California
  July 16, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: May/June 2026
  June 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- Benesch Highlighted in Columbus CEO 2026 Legal Guide
  June 16, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Named Recipient of AHLA 2026 Top Honors for Sixth Consecutive Year
  June 1, 2026 | Press Releases

- California Court Could Upend the Continuity Planning Agreements That Hold MSO-PC Structures Together
  May 26, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Benesch Heathcare+ First Annual Nephrology and Dialysis Conference
  December 2, 2021 | Speaking Engagement
- Benesch Healthcare+ Nephrology and Dialysis Webinar
  October 15, 2020 | Firm Events