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Overview

George focuses his practice on public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and matters that relate to corporate boards of directors. He has extensive experience in Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement defense and in regulatory matters relating to the gaming industry.

George served as a member of the advisory board of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Shareholder Rights Subcommittee. He serves as a Trustee on the Case Western Reserve University Board of Trustees and the Board's Development Committee. He is a member of the Case Western Reserve's Law School Society of Benchers. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of The Cleveland Orchestra (Musical Arts Association).

Representative Matters

- Represented CEOs and COOs in negotiating their agreements.
- Represented large companies in CEO agreement negotiations.
- Advised large family company of purchaser to diversify business.
- Represented investment banking firm in exchange offer for $3 billion in debt and equity.
- Negotiated purchase of several major hotel/casino properties.
- Advised public companies of distinctive director compensation plans.
- Completed purchase of one of the nation's largest theme parks.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University, Adelbert College, 1956, A.B., *cum laude*
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1958, LL.B.
  - Editor, Law Review
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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Trustee, Case Western Reserve University
- Trustee, Cleveland Orchestra
- Trustee, Mariner's Hospital (Division of Baptist Health Foundation South Florida)

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*©, Corporate Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2021 (listed 30 years)
- Listed, *Crain's Cleveland Business* "8 Over 80," 2023
- AV®Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Recipient, Case Western Reserve University Law School's 1994 Centennial Medal (highest award granted to a graduate)
- Recipient, American ORT Jurisprudence Award, July 1997
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers 2004-08

News & Insights

- 44 Benesch Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America® 2013
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- 48 Benesch Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers 2017
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers 2019
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers 2016
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers 2018
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- Benesch is "Going Green"
  October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- Thirty Five Benesch Attorneys Named 2011 Best Lawyers in America
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- George N. Aronoff honored in Crain's Cleveland Business 8 Over 80 | 2023 8 Over 80
  April 10, 2023 | Media Mentions
- U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers Rankings 2021
  August 20, 2020 | Press Releases