



## Ira C. Kaplan

Executive Chairman of the Firm,  
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## Overview

**Ira focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions as well as public and private debt and equity financings. He also works extensively in the healthcare services sector, including dental service organizations (DSOs) and other healthcare services such as behavioral health, physician practice management, revenue cycle management, and home health companies.**

Ira represents both publicly and privately held companies at various stages of growth. He has been involved in planning for growth companies, helping to position them for growth and liquidity. Ira serves as outside General Counsel to many of his clients and also represents private equity, and subordinated debt funds, family offices, as well as the portfolio companies of these funds and offices.

Ira is the firm's Executive Chairman and serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Ira served as Managing Partner of the firm from 2008 to 2014. Prior to that, he served as Associate Managing Partner from 2007 to 2008. Ira has co-chaired the firm's Corporate Practice Group and Private Equity Group.

## Representative Matters

- Advised a leading provider of a platform connecting TMS, telematics, and transportation services with prebuilt integrations in its capital raise to support operations and growth.
- Advised a leading transportation technology platform provider on a capital raise to support ongoing operations and accelerate growth.

- Advised Radiological Service Training Institute (RSTI) in its sale of 100% of its equity interests to PartsSource, a Bain Capital-backed platform. RSTI is in the business of providing radiological training products and services.
- Represented Weinberg Capital Group and its platform company, Salt River Aviation, LLC, in its add-on acquisition of Phoenix Aviation Services, LLC d/b/a Aviocraft, a premier maintenance, repair and overhaul ("MRO").
- Represented Weinberg Capital Group, in its acquisition of Salt River Aviation, LLC, a niche provider of Auxiliary Power Units, APU teardown and disassembly services, APU Subcomponents and other airframe parts and components, targeting some of the largest commercial aircraft platforms today.
- Represented Weinberg Capital Group in the sale of the Alex N. Sill Company, a leading public insurance adjusting firm in North America with offices through the U.S. and Canada, to Levine Leichtman Capital Partners.
- Represented DSO in nine add-on practice acquisitions to continue to grow regional dental services organization and enhance EBITDA for future capital event.
- Represented Trident Capital in the sale of MedSave.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- University of Rochester, 1976, B.A., Political Science
  - Scott Paper Scholarship Award
  - Student Life Award
- George Washington University Law School, 1979, J.D.

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

## Memberships

- Executive Committee Member, Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Board Chair Elect and Executive Committee Member, United Way of Greater Cleveland
  - Past Campaign Co-Chair
  - Past Loaned Executive Program Co-Chair
- Board and Executive Committee Member and Past Board Chair, Bellefaire JCB
- Emeritus Board Member and Past Board Chair, Cleveland Leadership Center

- Life Board Member and Past Board Chair, Engage! Cleveland
- Board Member and Past Board Chair, Mount Sinai Health Foundation
- Board Member and Past Board Chair, Wingspan Care Group
- Board Member, Downtown Cleveland Alliance
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, President's Circle, Cleveland American Jewish Committee
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Member and Co-Chair, Health and Long-Term Care Committee, Jewish Federation of North America
- Former Board and Executive Committee Member, Business Volunteers Unlimited
- Former Board Member, Trustee and Past Board Chair, Council Gardens
- Former Executive Committee Member, Trustee and Past Board Chair, Menorah Park Center for Senior Living
- Served, Governor's Third Frontier Task Force on Biotechnology
- Leadership Cleveland, Class of 2003

## Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Venture Capital Law, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2006-2026
- Named, Cleveland Mergers and Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2021
- Named Lawyer of the Year, Cleveland Venture Capital Law, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2016
- Named Lawyer of the Year, Cleveland Mergers and Acquisitions Law, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2015
- Named Lawyer of the Year, Cleveland Corporate Law, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2010
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Corporate/M&A, 2011-2026
- Listed, Cleveland Magazine 500 List, 2022-2025
- Listed, Crain's Notable Nonprofit Board Leaders, 2023
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers 2004-2020
- Listed, Leading Lawyers, *Inside Business Magazine*
- Recipient, ORT America's Ohio Maimonides Award, 2025
- Recipient, Engage! Cleveland Lifetime Achievement Award, 2022
- Recipient, Cleveland Jewish News Difference Makers Award, 2019

- Recipient, Jewish Federation Gries Family Award, 2018
- Recipient, Menorah Park David N. Myers Award, 2018
- Recipient, ORT America Jurisprudence Award, 2014
- AV<sup>®</sup>Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

## News & Insights

- [Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: May/June 2026](#)  
June 18, 2026 | Newsletters
- [Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings](#)  
June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: April 2026](#)  
May 6, 2026 | Newsletters
- [Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: February 2026](#)  
February 10, 2026 | Newsletters
- [Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: December 2025/January 2026](#)  
January 12, 2026 | Newsletters
- [Benesch Advises Weinberg Capital Group on Acquisition of Pinson Valley Heat Treating, Bolstering Manufacturing Capabilities](#)  
December 12, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: November 2025](#)  
November 24, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: October 2025](#)  
November 3, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Ira and Amy Kaplan Featured in Cleveland Jewish News for Receiving ORT America Ohio Region's 2025 Maimonides Award](#)  
October 24, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch Advises Cleveland Dental Management in Acquisition of Aurora Dental, Expanding Regional Network](#)  
October 15, 2025 | Press Releases

## Speaking & Events

## PAST EVENTS

- [DSO Market Trends and 2025 Outlook Webinar](#)  
January 21, 2025 | Firm Events
- [Facing History to Find Common Ground | Ira C. Kaplan](#)  
September 26, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- [Mt. Sinai Health Foundation Annual Meeting | Ira C. Kaplan](#)  
June 6, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- [Bridging Generational Divides | Ira C. Kaplan](#)  
December 1, 2023 | Speaking Engagement
- [2023 Inclusion Forum | Ira C. Kaplan](#)  
October 9, 2023 | Speaking Engagement