

Ira C. Kaplan

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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") provider specializing in batteries, chargers, communication devices, galley, relays and other aircraft accessories.
- 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, including the Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 families.
- 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. We handled all aspects of structuring, diligence and execution of acquisition. Advised on post-closing integration.
- 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 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, T*he Best Lawyers in America®,* 2006-2027
- 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®Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

News & Insights

- Benesch's Dental/DSO Intelligence Monthly Report: October/November 2026
  November 3, 2026 | Newsletters
- Benesch Partner Ira Kaplan Named Chair of United Way of Greater Cleveland Board of Directors
  September 29, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Managing Partner Gregg Eisenberg and Executive Chairman Ira Kaplan Named to Cleveland Magazine's "Cleveland 500" for Fifth Consecutive Year
  August 26, 2026 | Press Releases
- 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
- 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

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