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Overview

Jack is a full-service real estate attorney. He advises corporate clients on a wide range of real-property based transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, and financing. He has experience negotiating and drafting leases, corporate formation documents, mortgages, and legal opinions, as well as conducting due diligence and reviewing title, survey, and zoning materials.

Meticulous and proactive with a keen eye for detail, Jack enjoys seeing tangible assets take shape once a transaction is complete. He takes pride in delivering high-quality work and goes the extra mile to push deals over the finish line for his clients.

Prior to joining Benesch, Jack was an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national real estate investment and asset management firm in connection with a joint venture, financing, and acquisition of a retail and multifamily property.
- Represented a global investment firm in the acquisition of a portfolio of three logistics and warehouse properties.
- Represented a large private credit lender on two loan facilities totaling \$197.5 million
- Represented a publicly traded REIT in a \$150+ million acquisition of 23 strip shopping centers
- Represented Honeywell in the spin-off of its Advanced Materials business, now operating as Solstice Advanced Materials.

- Represented Columbia Pacific Advisors in a joint venture with Criterion Group in obtaining \$180 million in refinancing for a 34-property, 15.4 million-square-foot industrial outdoor storage portfolio spanning 290 acres across key Tier 1 and Tier 2 markets nationwide.
- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately \$2 billion.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, 2023, J.D., *summa cum laude*
 - Member, Law Review
 - Teaching Assistant, Lawyering Skills III
- University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, 2020, B.A., Economics

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

News & Insights

- [Benesch Advises Honeywell on Successful Spin-Off of Solstice Advanced Materials](#)
November 13, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Trevor Martin and Jack Kunkel Mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move](#)
May 6, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [My Benesch My Team - NRP Group](#)
June 30, 2021 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads