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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 global real estate investment firm in connection with the refinancing of an approximately $50 million mortgage loan secured by a multifamily property in Virginia, including the structuring and negotiation of a related table-funded financing agreement.
- Represented a national real estate investor in the $86.5 million disposition of an industrial property in Romeoville, Illinois.
- Represented a leading commercial real estate investment and management firm in negotiating an approximately $37 million cross collateralized portfolio financing from a national life insurance company, secured by four industrial properties located across three states.

- Represented a client in the $40 million acquisition of an office building in downtown Chicago, including the negotiation of acquisition and financing documents.
- Represented a real estate investment firm in connection with its more than $250 million acquisition of over 100 veterinary clinics across the United States.
- Represented national real estate development firm in obtaining $82 million in refinancing for an apartment complex in Florida.
- 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 located in Ohio and Indiana, comprising more than 1.5 million square feet, for more than $135 million.

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