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Overview

Jacob brings a variety of corporate legal experiences in litigation and transactional matters to the Commercial Finance & Banking Practice Group. Prior to joining Benesch, he spent time developing his legal skills in both law firm and in-house counsel settings.

Representative Matters

- Represented a sponsor-backed portfolio company in a multimillion-dollar senior secured credit facility financing the leveraged acquisition of a freight logistics business and its affiliates. The transaction required structuring financing across multiple borrower entities and jurisdictions while negotiating acquisition-related credit support, contingent payment arrangements, and ongoing covenant provisions to support the combined business.
- Represented a national banking institution, as administrative agent, in a multimillion-dollar senior secured credit facility to a leading manufacturer and distributor of architectural metal products and its affiliates in connection with a corporate reorganization, refinancing of existing indebtedness, share repurchases and working capital financing.
- Represented a national financial institution as administrative and documentation agent in connection with a secured syndicated credit facility for a leading mechanical contractor. The financing supported the establishment of an employee stock ownership plan and the borrower's transition to employee ownership, including a term loan to fund the ESOP transaction and a revolving facility.

- Represented a national financial institution as administrative agent and lender in connection with a syndicated term loan facility supporting the acquisition of a portfolio of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities across New York. The transaction involved a complex, multi-tiered real property healthcare financing structure, including delayed-draw term loans for post-closing acquisitions and layered intercreditor and subordination arrangements.
- Represented a regional financial institution as administrative and collateral agent in connection with a syndicated revolving credit facility to a food and beverage manufacturer and its affiliates to fund working capital.
- Represented a private equity-backed platform aggregating home services companies, as a borrower, of more than half a billion dollars through a syndicated facility, involving the upsizing of an existing senior credit facility and the introduction of a new junior debt facility. The transaction required coordinating a complex capital structure across more than 60 borrower and guarantor entities, negotiating intercreditor arrangements between lender groups and perfecting equity interests held by both loan parties and minority joint venture partners. The financing not only positions the client to meet capital needs, execute acquisitions, fund growth initiatives and manage liquidity; it stands out for its scale, structural complexity and dual-facility design.
- Represented a private equity buyer in its acquisition of a wholesale distributor of pipes, valves, and fittings.
- Represented the buyer in its add-on acquisition of a provider of disaster restoration services.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, 2021, Juris Doctor
- Cleveland State University, Monte Ahuja College of Business, 2021, Master of Business Administration
- Case Western Reserve University, 2018, Bachelor of Arts, History, minors in Business Management & Economics

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Illinois

Memberships

- Downtown Cleveland Alliance, President of the City Advocate Board

News & Insights

- Benesch Advises Rotunda on Strategic Investment in Capital Machine Technologies
  April 22, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Blue Marlin Partners on Acquiring Strategic Stake in Mo' Bettahs
  October 25, 2024 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Client Rotunda Capital Partners on Strategic Investment in Lehman Pipe and Supply, Inc.
  September 6, 2024 | Press Releases
- Benesch Facilitates Acquisition for Trivest, Marking a Strategic Investment into the Restructuring and Financial Advisory Market via its $1.3 Billion Trivest Recognition Fund
  July 23, 2024 | Press Releases
- Gridiron Capital Partners with Legacy Service Partners
  January 18, 2023 | Press Releases
- Gridiron Capital Partners Invest in M&D Distributors
  September 9, 2022 | Press Releases
- Benesch Adds Associate to Finance Team in Cleveland
  June 7, 2022 | Press Releases
- My Benesch My Team - Clarendon Capital
  October 14, 2020 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads