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Overview

Jeff's extensive experience extends to large-scale development and redevelopment projects, as well as the handling of a high volume of complex real estate acquisitions, dispositions and financings of retail, office, industrial and multifamily properties. His representation includes drafting and negotiating purchase agreements, joint venture agreements, loan documents, easements and other related real estate documentation, as well as coordinating all real estate due diligence. Regularly handling high-stake deals, Jeff has successfully closed transactions ranging from \$10 million to in excess of \$1 billion.

Jeff also has deep experience in multi-site portfolio acquisitions and dispositions, complex joint venture structuring, sale-leaseback transactions, mixed-use developments, loan workouts and distressed real estate matters. Additionally, Jeff serves as business counsel to many of his clients, advising them broadly on a range of corporate and business matters, including corporate formation and governance, corporate credit facilities and asset management matters.

Jeff has been named a Leading Lawyer in Real Estate Law by Chambers USA since 2011 and a Best Lawyer in Real Estate Law honoree by The Best Lawyers in America® since 2008. Additionally, he was recognized as a Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer in 2024.

Outside of the office, Jeff is civically involved as the immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of Cleveland Development Advisors (an affiliate of the Greater Cleveland Partnership), a Trustee of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, President of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, Vice Chair of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and a member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, to name a few. Additionally, he is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties and the Urban Land Institute, and is a graduate of Leadership Cleveland, the Wexner Heritage Leadership Institute and the National Young Leadership Cabinet of United Jewish Communities.

Representative Matters

- Represented a large publicly traded REIT in connection with the retail aspects of an over 600-unit multifamily development in California, including a master lease with a quasi-governmental entity.
- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately \$2 billion.
- Represented one of the world's largest private equity funds in connection with real estate and loan-related matters in its \$920+ million acquisition of a 43-mortgage loan portfolio from a publicly traded superregional bank.
- Advised a leading international investment and management firm, performing all diligence and related needs for their purchase of loans in default for a total of over \$600 million and subsequent foreclosures of more than 70 properties in California.
- Represented a prominent national developer on the ground leasing, joint venture structuring, financing, development, and construction of a 350+ unit luxury apartment development valued at more than \$100 million as part of a larger master planned mixed-used project in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Serving as lead real estate legal counsel to Toys "R" Us Property Company I, LLC ("Propco I"), a subsidiary of Toys "R" Us, Inc., in an effort to maximize the value of Propco I's portfolio of approximately 284 properties in 46 states.
- Lender's counsel in connection with a real estate workout involving \$100 million of loans secured by distressed assets including loan modification relating to additional collateral, inter-creditor issues and bankruptcy.
- Benesch represents one of the nation's largest multifamily housing developers in the ground leasing, financing, and development of a 430+ unit multifamily apartment complex within a large scale vertical mixed-use project

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 1997, J.D.
 - Member - Arts and Entertainment Law Journal
- Yeshiva University, 1994, B.A., cum laude, Political Science
 - Dean's List, all semesters
 - Student Senator

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Board of Trustees, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation
- Chair, Board of Directors, Cleveland Development Advisors, an affiliate of the Greater Cleveland Partnership
- Board of Governors, The Jewish Agency for Israel
- Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
- Board of Trustees, Jewish Federations of North America
- President, Board of Trustees, Jewish Education Center of Cleveland
- General Chair, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland's 2019-2020 Annual Campaign for Jewish Needs
- Member, International Council of Shopping Centers
- Member, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties
- Member, Urban Land Institute
- Class of 2010, Leadership Cleveland
- Member, The Wexner Heritage Leadership Institute
- Member, National Young Leadership Cabinet, United Jewish Communities
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Awards & recognition

- Listed, The Best Lawyers in America® , Real Estate Law, 2008-2026
- Recipient, Mendy Klein Community Service Award, Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, 2025
- Named, Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer, 2024-2025
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Real Estate, 2011-2025
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers, Real Estate, 2012-2019, 2021-2026
- BTI Client Service All-Star 2015-2016
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2005-2007, 2011
- Listed, Leading Lawyers, Inside Business Magazine 2007-2008
- Member, Leadership Cleveland, Class of 2010
- Listed, 40 Under 40, Crain's Cleveland Business 2006
- Member, United Jewish Communities' National Young Leadership Cabinet
- Graduate, The Wexner Foundation's Leadership Development Program

News & Insights

- [48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- [129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings](#)
August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Jeffrey Wild Featured in Jewish Cleveland News on Vision as New Board Chair of Jewish Federation of Cleveland](#)
July 30, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Jeffrey Wild Featured in Crain's Cleveland for Board Chair Appointment to Jewish Federation of Cleveland](#)
June 18, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings](#)
June 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Partner Jeffrey J. Wild Elected Chair of Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Board of Trustees](#)
May 29, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Partner Jeffrey Wild Receives Mendy Klein Community Service Award](#)
April 17, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Jeffrey J. Wild Mentioned in Cleveland Jewish News Article on Impact of October 7 Events in Israel](#)
April 10, 2025 | Media Mentions

- Thomson Reuters Honors 13 Benesch Attorneys as 2025 “Stand-Out Lawyers”
March 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- 49 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
December 17, 2024 | Press Releases