

A professional headshot of Jennifer L. Stapleton, a woman with dark hair, wearing a brown leather jacket over a black top, standing in a modern office hallway with warm lighting.

## Jennifer L. Stapleton

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## Overview

**Jennifer has 20 years of experience as a lead lawyer and strategic partner who uses sound legal judgment, smart business acumen, and deep operational expertise in counseling public corporations, privately held companies, large private equity platforms, and venture capital firms through complex, high stakes, multidimensional business transactions.**

Jennifer's expertise includes advising and leading cross-functional in-house, client, and third-party teams in structuring, negotiating, and executing high-profile international mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, financings, restructurings, bankruptcy proceedings, venture capital initiatives and equity co-investments for U.S. and international clients. Her experience spans numerous industries including financial technology, healthcare, real estate, manufacturing, and transportation, as well as early-stage, high-growth companies where she advises on the full business life cycle from formation, capitalization, and acquisition through operation and ultimate exit.

Jennifer advises clients and C-suite executives on a range of corporate matters, including governance, legal strategy, risk management and mitigation, and ongoing operations for subsidiaries and portfolio companies. She also has prior experience serving in the in-house legal function role for a large international manufacturer and distributor as well as a high growth electric mobility manufacturer.

## Representative Matters

- Advised Alia Software Inc., an AI-powered pop-up and email/SMS list-growth platform for e-commerce merchants, such as Shopify, in its acquisition by Dotdigital Group plc (AIM: DOTD), a global provider of AI-driven customer experience and data platforms.

- 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 Kenan Advantage Group, the largest tank truck transporter and logistics provider in North America, in its acquisition of Xcel Bulk Logistics, a dry bulk transportation and logistics company based in Texas, from Liliun Group.
- Represented Kaden Health, an online addiction treatment and behavioral health company, in its corporate governance and capital raising initiatives.
- Represented J. Pritchard, a premium apparel line for pickleball, in its strategic growth initiatives.
- Represented ATUM in its strategic corporate venture investment initiatives.
- Represented AppHarvest in its strategic corporate venture investment initiatives.
- Represented Mednition Inc., a provider of AI-powered risk intelligence software to hospital systems, in its Series A financings.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2004, J.D., *cum laude*
- Duke University, 2001, B.S.
  - with honors

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

## Memberships

- Adjunct Professor, Entrepreneurial Finance: Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University

## News & Insights

- [Benesch Represents Alia Software Inc. in Acquisition by Dotdigital Group plc](#)  
March 17, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Advises Revelar Capital on Acquisition of Lettermen's Energy, Building National Propane Platform](#)  
February 2, 2026 | Press Releases

- [Domestic BOI Reporting Requirements Ended; Foreign Companies Must Still Report](#)  
March 25, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Treasury Department Ends Domestic Enforcement of BOI Reporting Requirements Under the CTA](#)  
March 5, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [BOI Reporting Requirements are Back; But No Penalties, For Now](#)  
March 3, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Back in Action-New March Deadline to Comply with CTA's BOI Reporting Requirements](#)  
February 20, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [On Again, Off Again - CTA Preliminary Injunction Stayed by Supreme Court](#)  
January 24, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [On Hold AGAIN - CTA Preliminary Injunction Reinstated](#)  
December 27, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [FinCEN Extends Corporate Transparency Act Filing Deadlines: Companies Registered Before January 1, 2024 Have Until January 13, 2025 to File](#)  
December 24, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Fifth Circuit Revives Corporate Transparency Act, Filing Deadlines Reinstated](#)  
December 23, 2024 | Client Alerts & Insights

## Speaking & Events

### PAST EVENTS

- [Benesch's B-Sharp Presents: AI in the Law](#)  
July 30, 2024 | Firm Events
- [Southeast Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition Conference | Jennifer L. Stapleton](#)  
September 7, 2019 | Speaking Engagement