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Overview

Jess is an associate in Benesch's Litigation Practice Group, where she focuses on appellate and general litigation. She brings a sharp analytical mindset, genuine curiosity and a creative problem-solving approach to the complex disputes she navigates.

During law school, Jess was eager to explore litigation in a wide range of settings. She gained valuable hands-on experience representing indigent individuals facing misdemeanor charges in Franklin County Municipal Court through Moritz College of Law's Criminal Defense Clinic. Jess also honed her critical thinking and writing skills as an extern for the Honorable Michael H. Watson of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and in the Capital Habeas Unit of the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Ohio. As a Legal Writing Fellow, she cemented active listening and effective communication practices by guiding LL.M. students through their initial encounter with U.S. legal writing. These formative experiences gave her a practical understanding of litigation and a deep appreciation for the impact of thoughtful advocacy.

Before pursuing a career in law, Jess spent five years working in both government and nonprofit sectors, cultivating conflict resolution skills and a service-oriented mindset. This work reflects her longstanding commitment to justice and informs her approach to representing clients today.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, 2025, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Order of the Barristers
  - Legal Writing Fellow
  - Managing Editor, *Ohio State Law Journal*
  - Winning Team and Runner-up Best Oralist, New York City Bar National Moot Court Competition (Regional)
  - Runner-up, Best Overall, Herman Moot Court Competition
  - Gregory Travalio Clinic Award for Excellence & Service to the Community
- Xavier University, 2017, B.A., English and Political Science, *magna cum laude*
  - Minor in Peace and Justice Studies
  - Sweeney Achievement Award (top graduating English major)
  - George F. and Agatha M. Salter Award (top graduating political science major)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

News & Insights

- Early Evidence? Not in This Court!: Supreme Court Clarifies Federal Rules Govern Over State Law
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