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Overview

John is a competitive, detail-oriented litigator whose practice focuses on business and trade secrets disputes. John also routinely defends companies against consumer fraud and statutory claims, including those brought under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

John brings broad experience across all phases of litigation, from early investigation through trial and appeal. He has successfully tried cases in federal and state courts and before arbitration panels. John also serves as a mentor to first-year attorneys through the firm's mentoring program.

Before joining Benesch, John served as a judicial extern to Judge Dan Polster of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and to Judge Timothy McCormack of the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals. He also worked as a research assistant for Professors Lewis Katz and Jonathan Adler.

Representative Matters

- Authored and argued a successful motion to dismiss all claims brought by 57 private hospitals and medical centers across five states against a regional pharmaceutical distributor in Minnesota state court.
- Second-chaired a federal jury trial on behalf of a corporate client, securing a seven-figure damages award and attorneys' fees on claims for tortious interference with business relationships, defamation, and violations of the Ohio Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
- Defended one of the nation's largest home improvement companies in putative nationwide class action alleging a latent defect in the company's product.

- Secured a jury verdict in state court defeating breach of contract and trade secret misappropriation claims, and prevailed on a counterclaim establishing that the plaintiff acted in bad faith, resulting in a full award of attorneys' fees.
- Second-chaired the successful defense of a major financial institution in arbitration involving eight-figure breach of contract claims.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of defendant in putative class action brought under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- Represented a global transport and logistics company in a warehouse dispute, successfully defending the company's assertion of a warehouseman's lien against an application for a writ of possession, which led to a favorable settlement shortly thereafter.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2018, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - ABA Moot Court Team
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Award: Business Associations
  - American Constitution Society Treasurer
  - Norma and Larry Zukerman Writing Competition, Winner
- University at Buffalo, 2015, *magna cum laude*, Political Science, Sociology
  - Phi Sigma Alpha Honors Society

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, Business Litigation, 2025-2026

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers®* Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation; 2027

Beyond the office

Prized possession:

My miniature golden doodle, Dellavedova “Delly” Dagon.

Passions:

Josh Allen and the Buffalo Bills, hot wings, talking basketball, and saving bogey.

Favorite vacation:

Ilhabela, Brazil.

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- 48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- Spring Cleaning: FCC Modifies TCPA Regulations to Block “Likely” Illegal Text Messages and Considers Further Action On “Lead Generation Loophole”
  April 12, 2023 | Client Alerts & Insights
- NHTSA Manufacturer Identification Registration Process: A Quick Guide
  June 14, 2022 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Ground Rules for Made in USA Claims and Foreign Origin Markings
  November 12, 2020 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- InterConnect Newsletter - Fall 2020
  November 9, 2020 | Newsletters
- Benesch COVID-19 Resource Center: Insurance Coverage Issues in the Midst of COVID-19
  April 17, 2020 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Despite Recent Challenges, California Meal and Rest Break Remains Pre-empted, While Briefing Closes in the Ninth Circuit Case
  March 25, 2020 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- InterConnect Newsletter - Spring 2020
  March 20, 2020 | Newsletters
- Benesch Named Law Firm of the Year in Transportation Law for 2020
  December 12, 2019 | Announcements