

Jonathon Korinko

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Overview

Jonathon focuses his practice on representing and counseling clients in all aspects of construction law. He prosecutes and defends claims involving contractual breaches, deficient design, defective work, schedule disputes, and liens and bonds in federal and state courts throughout the country as well as before various arbitration tribunals.

Jonathon also counsels clients in risk management, contract negotiation, claim management and avoidance, and project documentation.

Representative Matters

- Represented a client in connection with a contractor's damage to its underground utilities, which resulted in substantial corrective work and lost profits. Through strategic advocacy and negotiations, Benesch secured a favorable settlement.
- Represented an ENR-ranked Midwest specialty contractor in a cross-border dispute over cost overruns and withheld payments on a steel manufacturing plant. The contractor significantly underbid the project due to misleading actions by the owner. Benesch re-baselined the schedule, developed a damage model and used an estoppel argument to secure a favorable settlement in fast-track arbitration.
- Prosecuted claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, conversion and fraud related to a corporate officer's embezzlement and theft of company funds.
- Represented purchaser on claims for breach of contract, fraud, and intellectual property violations related to a multimillion dollar corporate acquisition.

- Obtained summary judgment for a corporate defendant on subcontractors' claims to foreclose on mechanics' liens.
- Prosecuted and defended delay, disruption and liquidated damages claims involving construction of a coal-fired power plant resulting in a multimillion dollar arbitration award for the client.
- Obtained summary judgment on claims for breach of contract, foreclosure of lien, and violations of Ohio's Prompt Payment Act relating to the construction of multiple hotels.
- Prosecuted and defended breach of contract, breach of warranty and liquidated damages claims involving the construction of several multi-story parking facilities.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Ohio University, 2008, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science
- University of North Carolina School of Law, 2011, J.D.
  - with honors
  - Note and Comment Editor, North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- 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 Northern District of Illinois

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- William K. Thomas American Inn of Court

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2019-2021

News & Insights

- Law360 Highlights Benesch Team Representing Industrial Power Systems in Kraft Heinz Dispute
  February 18, 2026 | Media Mentions
- My Benesch My Team - Richard
  December 18, 2025 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads
- Korinko Joins Benesch
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- 28 Benesch Attorneys Named 2019 Ohio Super Lawyers; 16 Named Ohio Rising Stars
  October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- Thomas O. Crist and Jonathon Korinko mentioned in Law360 | "Contractor Hits Kraft With $7.6M Facility Project Suit"
  September 27, 2022 | Media Mentions
- Barry J. Miller & Jonathan Korinko published an article in The Construction Lawyer | "Managing Design Professional Consultants: Methods, Challenges, and Potential Liabilities"
  August 23, 2022 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- 19 Benesch Attorneys Named 2021 Ohio Super Lawyers; 19 Named Ohio Rising Stars
  December 8, 2020 | Press Releases
- Benesch Names 9 New Partners for 2020
  January 10, 2020 | Press Releases
- 22 Benesch Attorneys Named 2020 Ohio Super Lawyers; 16 Named Ohio Rising Stars
  November 27, 2019 | Press Releases
- No Contract, No Problem
  August 13, 2019 | Contributed Content & Presentations

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Ten Steps to Success in Construction in 2019 and 2020 | Jonathon Korinko
  September 20, 2019 | Speaking Engagement