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Overview

Jordan has represented companies in the energy, public utilities and private equity industries on a range of issues including regulatory commission compliance, early-stage financings, and other corporate matters.

In his energy practice, Jordan has assisted one of the nation's largest competitive retail electric providers with regulatory compliance including spearheading discussions with state regulators. Jordan has advised public utilities and other energy companies on matters before public utility commissions, provided legislative and regulatory guidance, and advised on other public utility matters.

In his private equity practice, Jordan has represented emerging companies in securing early-stage equity financing-including series seed and SAFE financings, entity formation, and other general corporate transactions. Jordan has helped secure cross border loan transactions and draft various private equity fund governing and offering documents.

Jordan earned his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 2022, graduating *magna cum laude*. He graduated from the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University in 2011 with a focus in Finance. During his time at the University of Miami School of Law, Jordan completed a judicial internship in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Representative Matters

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Represented AspenHR, LLC in its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Americorp Financial Pension & Insurance Corporation, a California-based group insurance provider for small businesses.

- 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 Palmetto in its acquisition of The Cool Down, the world's leading clean lifestyle media platform, marking the first time a clean energy company has acquired a clean lifestyle platform and expanding Palmetto's reach in the home energy marketplace.
- Represented Dover Corporation (NYSE: DOV) in its acquisition of Site IQ, a provider of remote monitoring services for fueling sites.
- Represented ComEd in litigating a request for regulatory approval of its first-ever Multi-Year Integrated Grid Plan, and a corresponding Multi-Year Rate Plan. Together, the plans detail every dollar the company plans to invest in providing electric delivery service over the next 4 years. In addition to ComEd, the case involved 12 parties. A total of 61 expert witnesses offered testimony, including 17 witnesses on behalf of ComEd. The regulator - the Illinois Commerce Commission - approved a $595 million increase in ComEd's revenue requirement and a $3.57 billion increase in rate base over the 4-year period. These figures represent approximately 88% of the values ComEd sought as of the close of the evidence, despite an extremely challenging regulatory environment. The market reacted very positively to the news, causing a marked increase in the value of ComEd's parent company, Exelon.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Miami School of Law, Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*
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- The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business, Bachelors in Finance, *cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Florida

News & Insights

- Benesch Represents Imperative Logistics in Acquisition of Jose D. Gonzalez, CHB
  June 24, 2026 | Press Releases

- Jordan Zornes mentioned in Columbus Business First People on the Move
  June 2, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Adds Associate to Litigation Team in Columbus
  May 16, 2023 | Press Releases