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Overview

Kennedy is an Associate in Benesch's Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and white collar matters.

Before joining Benesch, Kennedy clerked for the Honorable J. Philip Calabrese of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. This experience provided her with invaluable insight into the federal judiciary as she observed and helped facilitate all aspects of the legal process from the perspective of the court. The clerkship also exposed her to a wide variety of issues, including federal jurisdiction, civil rights, employment disputes, intellectual property, multidistrict products-liability litigation, and criminal pretrial motion practice and sentencing.

During law school, she served as Executive Symposium Editor for the Case Western Reserve Law Review and represented clients as a certified legal intern in the First Amendment Clinic. She also worked as a teaching assistant to Professors Jennifer Cupar, Jonathan Adler, and Katharine Van Tassel.

Beyond litigation, Kennedy is an award-winning writer with articles published in the *Case Western Reserve Law Review* and the *Arizona Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*.

Representative Matters

- Achieved a precedent-setting appellate victory for Peet's Coffee in a putative class action alleging that its website terms of service inhibited consumer speech. The decision clarified that California's Yelp Law authorizes a consumer lawsuit only when a business takes, or threatens to

take, punitive action against a consumer, neutralizing billions of dollars in exposure for e-commerce platforms.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2023, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Case Western Reserve Law Review: Executive Symposium Editor, Volume 73; Associate Editor, Volume 72
  - Recipient of the Patricia Burgess Public Law Prize for outstanding academic performance in the field of public law; the Federal Bar Association Award for the highest grade in Constitutional Law; the Harry A. and Sarah Blachman Award for the best paper on improving the government; and the Clinic Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award for excellence in clinic fieldwork
  - CALI Award (highest grade): Constitutional Law; Criminal Procedure I; Contracts; Food, Drug, and Biotech Law; Healthcare Finance and Regulation; Public Law Research Seminar
  - Order of the Coif; Order of the Scribes
- University of Mississippi Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, 2019, B.S. Forensic Chemistry, Minor, Biology, *magna cum laude*
  - Thesis: Cannabinoid Conundrum: A Study of Anti-Epileptic Efficacy and Drug Policy
  - Recipient of the National Collegiate Honors Council Portz Scholar Award for the best undergraduate thesis project nationwide

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

News & Insights

- Bryna Dahlin, Michael Meuti and Kennedy Dickson Recognized Among Law360's Most-Read Expert Analysis
  October 21, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Motions to Dismiss Haven't Stopped the CEMA Litigation Wave. So What's the Defense Playbook Now?
  September 9, 2026 | White Paper
- Benesch Secures Precedent-Setting California Appellate Victory for Peet's Coffee
  July 30, 2026 | Press Releases

- Who Cares About the Wires: Texas Federal Court Rules that Certain Wire Fraud Charges Violate Due Process in Tax Case
  May 18, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Protecting Your Company from the Silliest Lawsuit Not on Your Radar
  November 14, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Time to RE-act: The Washington Supreme Court's Recent Email Subject Line Ruling Poised to Put Retailers on the Hook for Trillions (September 2025 Update)
  September 24, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Eleventh Circuit Upholds Dismissal of Qui Tam FCA Suit for Failure to Meet Rule 9(b) Specificity
  August 18, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Second Circuit Widens the Gap Between Wire Fraud and Intangible Interests - Confidential Business Information Without Commercial Value Is Not "Property"
  August 15, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- The Exception, Not the Rule: DOJ's Updated Corporate Compliance Monitorship Guidance
  June 9, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Time to RE-act: The Washington Supreme Court's New Email Subject Line Ruling Could Put Retailers on the Hook for Trillions
  May 9, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- The Tides Have Turned: The FCC Revisits Revocation Under the TCPA | Mark Eisen, Kennedy Dickson
  October 4, 2026 | Firm Events
- You've Got Mail . . . and a Lawsuit: A Year of Subject Line Litigation after Brown v. Old Navy | Michael D. Meuti, Ruddy S. Abam, Kennedy Dickson
  April 15, 2026 | Firm Events
- Go West...and Lawyer Up! Recent Trends in Consumer Litigation on the West Coast | Kennedy Dickson, Mark S. Eisen, Andrew J. Jarzyna, Michael D. Meuti
  January 22, 2026 | Firm Events