

Kevin D. Margolis

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Overview

Kevin focuses his practice on the environmental aspects of corporate, commercial lending, and real estate transactions. He manages environmental enforcement and litigation matters and provides counseling on regulatory issues.

Kevin is a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Kevin is the President of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, a board member of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, the former Chair of the Federation's Allocations Education Subcommittee, and Chair of the JHub Advisory Group. He also is a board member of the Cleveland Play House.

Representative Matters

- Represented Clarendon Capital in its acquisition of O'Donnell Metal Deck & Bar Joist (OMD), a leading value-added distributor of metal decking, steel bar joists, and related structural products serving the commercial construction industry.
- Advised TowerBrook Capital Partners in acquiring a majority stake in Rael, a leading women's wellness brand focused on holistic cycle care.
- Represented Smartlink, LLC, a nationwide provider of telecommunications infrastructure services, in the sale of all of its equity to Recognize.
- Represented Bochi Investments, LLC, in its equity acquisition of Marsee Foods, LLC, a wholesale bakery in Portland, Oregon.
- Represented GarageCo Holdings, Inc. in its add-on acquisition of Omaha Door & Window, expanding the GarageCo platform.

- Represented a large West Coast REIT in the acquisition of two large multi-family properties in California for a total purchase price of $240.5 Million. Acquisition included extensive environmental review and analysis.
- Represented a large West Coast REIT in the $240.5 million acquisition of two multi-family properties in California, which included extensive environmental review and analysis.
- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately $2 billion.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1989, J.D.
- Northwestern University, 1986, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers
- Class of 2008, Leadership Cleveland
- Board Member, Cleveland Play House

Awards & Recognition

- Named, 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Environmental Lawyers – The Green 500
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Natural Resources & Environment, 2021-2026
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Environmental Law; Real Estate Law, 2009-2027
- Cleveland Environmental Law Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers in America ®, 2018, 2019
- BTI Client Service All-Star, 2015

- AV®Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers, Environmental, 2004-2005, 2016-2026

News & Insights

- Benesch Advises TowerBrook Capital Partners on Its Investment in Rael
  August 24, 2026 | Press Releases
- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partner Kevin Margolis Named to 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Environmental Lawyers
  March 10, 2026 | Press Releases
- 48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Rotunda on Strategic Investment in Capital Machine Technologies
  April 22, 2025 | Press Releases
- 49 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  December 17, 2024 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Blue Marlin Partners on Acquiring Strategic Stake in Mo' Bettahs
  October 25, 2024 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Environmental Issues for Lenders | Kevin D. Margolis
  March 16, 2021 | Speaking Engagement
- Catalysts for Change - Trade Disputes, Evolving ESG Standards and the Steady March Toward Sustainability | Kevin D. Margolis
  October 24, 2019 | Speaking Engagement