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Overview

Kyle is a corporate partner who focuses on debt financing transactions. He brings extensive experience advising private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, as well as private companies on structuring, negotiating, and executing deals across the capital structure. Such transactions have included senior, mezzanine, and subordinated debt transactions, acquisition financings, loan workouts, and restructurings.

With a background representing both investors and borrowers, Kyle offers clients a well-rounded perspective on debt finance. His pragmatic, commercially driven approach helps identify and resolve issues in the constantly evolving market. Clients appreciate his in-depth knowledge of financing and his ability to navigate even the most complex or challenging transactions to a successful close.

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.
- Represented Gridiron Capital in its acquisition of Centroid, a premier Oracle Cloud Infrastructure service provider.
- Represented Revelar Capital in its acquisition of Summit Spine & Joint Centers, a leading minimally invasive spinal services platform in headquartered in Lawrenceville, GA. Debt financing was provided by Audax Group.

- Represented private equity firm Wellspring Capital Management LLC in the $285 million acquisition of Critical Nurse Staffing, LLC, a home healthcare service provider, and certain of its affiliates.
- Represented a private equity firm in connection with its financing facility for the acquisition of an e-payment solutions provider.
- Represented a private equity firm in connection with a financing facility for its acquisition of a cloud services and technology provider.
- Represented a private equity-backed platform aggregating home services companies, as a borrower, of more than half a billion dollars through a syndicated facility, involving the upsizing of an existing senior credit facility and the introduction of a new junior debt facility. The transaction required coordinating a complex capital structure across more than 60 borrower and guarantor entities, negotiating intercreditor arrangements between lender groups and perfecting equity interests held by both loan parties and minority joint venture partners. The financing not only positions the client to meet capital needs, execute acquisitions, fund growth initiatives and manage liquidity; it stands out for its scale, structural complexity and dual-facility design.
- Ongoing representation a premier residential roofing company in connection with multiple add-ons to its platform facility and subsequent amendments to its credit facility.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Executive Articles Editor, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*
- University of Illinois-Urbana, Gies College of Business, B.A., Economics

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Awards & Recognition

- *Super Lawyers*, Illinois Rising Star, 2018-2023

News & Insights

- Benesch Advises COEO Solutions on its Acquisition of NetWolves
  August 12, 2026 | Press Releases

- Benesch Advises Gridiron Capital on its Investment in Centroid
  July 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises COEO Solutions on its Acquisition of S-NET Communications
  May 5, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Riata Capital Group on Acquisition of COEO Solutions
  February 2, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Revelar Capital on Acquisition of Lettermen’s Energy, Building National Propane Platform
  February 2, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Riata Capital Group on Acquisition of Government Window
  October 10, 2025 | Press Releases
- Kyle Gillen Featured in Law360 | Debt Financing Partner Beefs Up Benesch's PE Chops
  October 24, 2024 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Adds BigLaw Corporate Partner Kyle Gillen to Growing Chicago Office
  October 22, 2024 | Press Releases