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Overview

Gavin has a multi-faceted legal practice focusing on highly regulated industries, such as energy, utilities and communications. He works closely with his clients to strategize and provide practical legal advice to strengthen the overall governance, compliance, and risk practices of organizations.

Gavin's past experience includes senior roles as general counsel and deputy general counsel of Fortune 500, S&P 500 component, and private companies.

He provides strategic thought leadership with a practical and solutions-focused mindset. Gavin has received the Leadership Professional in Ethics & Compliance Certification (LPEC) and has three decades of progressive experience.

*Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.

Representative Matters

- Represented a data center developer in the negotiation and execution of a multibillion-dollar powered land and data center development transaction, including the construction and installation of an on-site 500 MW natural gas generation facility.
- Advised on the development and enhancement of corporate compliance programs.*
- Advised on new and enhanced corporate ethics policies for interactions with public officials, anti-bribery and corruption, corporate procurement, employee selection and enhancements to code of business conduct.*

- Advised energy clients in a variety of investigations and enforcement actions by state and federal agencies.*
- Represented energy clients in a variety of internal investigations with regards to compliance with company policies and code of business conduct.*
- Advised and negotiated a variety of energy and renewable energy infrastructure projects, including EPC contracts, permitting, PPAs and O&M agreements.*
- Represented public utility in Qui Tam claim with regards to allegations of misleading state regulators during rate case proceedings from successful motions to dismiss through Illinois Supreme Court order affirming circuit court dismissal of the matter with prejudice.*
- Represented natural gas utility in breach of contract claim made by local government entity arising from the expiration of a 99 year lease and extent of environmental remediation with negotiation of new 50 year lease for natural gas pipeline.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, 1996, J.D.
- University of Dayton, 1991, Bachelor of Arts - Political Science and English

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association
- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Member, Energy Bar Association
  - Electricity Steering Committee

News & Insights

- M. Gavin McCarty Mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  June 10, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Energy Group Continues Growth in Chicago With Of Counsel Matthew Gavin McCarty
  January 17, 2025 | Press Releases