

Megan L. Mehalko

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Overview

Megan is a law firm leader and accomplished corporate attorney with a distinguished legal career. Co-chair of Benesch's Corporate Practice Group, she regularly leads groundbreaking, high-stakes and game-changing mergers, acquisitions, cross-border joint ventures and strategic alliances, and frequently advises on securities law matters, corporate governance and ESG initiatives.

Megan represents a diverse clientele that includes public and private companies in the manufacturing, healthcare, specialty chemicals, plastics, rubber and consumer products industries, as well as private equity funds and their portfolio companies. Clients benefit from Megan's business counsel based on her broad and deep legal experience and business perspective. She handles corporate and securities matters, mergers and acquisitions, distressed company transactions, divestitures and regulatory compliance matters.

Highly regarded for her business acumen, industry knowledge, negotiating skills and legal experience, Megan serves as go-to counsel to many well-known brands and global enterprises. She structures, negotiates and closes industry-shaping transactions for clients worldwide. She has provided business-focused legal counsel that has proven vital to the success of transactions involving world-leading manufacturers of products used in virtually every home and business.

Megan founded and now co-leads Benesch's niche Polymer Group, which focuses on the specialty chemical, coatings, plastics and polymer sectors. She leads and oversees a multidisciplinary team of lawyers well-versed and experienced in legal and business issues pertaining to polymers, plastics, rubber and packaging. Megan also regularly represents clients in international transactions, most recently in China, Canada, the UK and Italy.

Megan's accomplishments have earned her widespread recognition. In 2024, she received the ACG Cleveland Woman in Transactions Deal Maker Award. She has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America® annually since 2007 and by Chambers every year since 2010. In 2020, she was named a Distinguished Nominee by the Global M&A Network for Women Leaders & Top Dealmakers in M&A, and in 2022, The Best Lawyers in America® honored her as Cleveland's Securities Regulation Lawyer of the Year.

In addition to maintaining an active law practice, Megan is a member of the firm's Finance and Professional Development Committees, helping to direct the firm's future and optimize client service.

Client Testimonials

"Megan is quick on her feet, has a wide-ranging perspective, and is highly responsive." - Benesch Client, Chambers USA

Representative Matters

- Represented Petauri, a portfolio company of Oak Hill Capital, in its acquisition of Formulary Insights, a market access services provider in the pharmaceutical and life sciences industry.
- Represented a private equity sponsored buyer in its acquisition of a provider of medical communications, marketing and education services.
- Represented a private equity-back manufacturer of machine tools in its acquisition of a manufacturer of plastic injection molding & precision machined components for telecom equipment.
- Represented a global leader in the formulation, development and manufacture of performance polymer solutions in its acquisition of a developer of premium thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) materials for manufacturers across a diverse range of industries throughout North America, Asia and Europe.
- Represented a public, world-leading polymers group in its acquisition of a provider of high-quality thermoplastic elastomers for all size orders across the United States.
- Represented a global leader in labeling and packaging materials in its acquisition of a leading provider of sports apparel customization & retail experience technology.
- Represented one of the largest premium bakery manufacturers in the U.S. (and controlled by three private equity firms) in the sale to an international public company with annual sales of € 2.6 billion. The acquisition price of $510 million represented a multiple of 8.5 times EBITDA.
- Represented a client in the sale of a lawn-and-garden business segment to a portfolio company of Wingate Partners V, L.P.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1990, J.D.
- Bucknell University, 1987, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Board Member, Business Volunteers Unlimited
- Board Member, College Now Greater Cleveland
- Board Member, Cuyahoga Community College Foundation
- Immediate Past Chair of Board of Trustees, Laurel School
- 2013 Corporate Leadership Team Chairperson, Go Red For Women/American Heart Association
- Member, In Counsel With Women
- Member, Society for Corporate Governance Professionals
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Executive Council, Corporate and Business Law Section, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

- Named, Notable Women in Law, Crain's Cleveland 2026
- Named, BTI Client Service All-Star, 2025
- Named, Woman in Transactions Deal Maker, ACG Cleveland, 2024
- Distinguished Nominee Global M&A Network, 2020 Women U.S.A. Leaders & Top Dealmakers in M&A
- Named, Cleveland Securities Regulation Lawyer of the Year, *The Best Lawyers in America®,* 2022
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®,* Corporate Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation, 2007-2027
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Corporate/M&A, 2010-2026

- Listed, Leading Lawyers, *Inside Business Magazine*
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers 2004, 2005, 2008, 2012-2016, 2018-2019

News & Insights

- 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 Continues Corporate Practice Group Expansion
  March 17, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch's Megan Mehalko Named to Crain's Cleveland 2026 Notable Women in Law List
  March 10, 2026 | Press Releases
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partner Megan Mehalko Honored as a 2025 BTI Client Service All-Star
  August 14, 2025 | Press Releases
- Investing in the Performance Materials & Plastics Industry Conference Thought Leader Wrap-Up
  June 17, 2025 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- Megan Mehalko Named Woman in Transactions Deal Maker Award Winner by ACG Cleveland, Two Benesch Clients Also Recognized
  December 9, 2024 | Press Releases
- 132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 14, 2024 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Knockout Networking Roundtable | Melissa R. Grim, Megan L. Mehalko, Megan Ratia
  October 15, 2025
- After the Deal: The Emotional Side of Liquidity Events and What Comes Next | Megan L. Mehalko
  June 12, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- Investing in the Performance Materials & Plastics Industry Conference
  May 20, 2025 | Firm Events