



## Megan Ratia

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### Overview

**Megan advises investors and companies of all stages in connection with corporate transactions. The breadth of her practice allows her to offer strategic, market-based advice to operating companies looking to scale their businesses while lending her investor clients a pragmatic perspective on transactional risk and deal negotiations.**

Megan serves as primary counsel to both domestic and international clients in connection with M&A, joint ventures and venture and growth equity transactions. She regularly advises private equity sponsors in connection with a broad range of U.S. investments, with a particular focus on the technology, consumer products and services, and real estate industries.

In addition, Megan advises operating companies at all phases of their life cycle- from fundraising and commercial partnerships through exit transactions. In this role, she enjoys serving as a day-to-day partner to her clients in connection with critical business transactions, corporate governance issues, key commercial relationships, intellectual property matters and employment issues.

\*Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.

### Representative Matters

- Represented Astō Consumer Partners, a consumer-focused investment firm, in its \$105 million strategic investment in Starface World, Inc.
- Represented Bluestone Equity Partners on its strategic investment in Selkirk Sport, the leading pickleball equipment manufacturer.

- Regularly represents private equity sponsor and its portfolio companies in connection with various middle market buyout transactions and add-on acquisitions.
- Represents an international flooring manufacturer in its U.S. acquisitions.\*
- Regularly counsels early stage and mid-sized companies in connection with their commercial partnerships, equity and debt financing transactions and corporate governance needs.
- Regularly represents sponsors in connection with real estate and hospitality joint ventures.
- Represented Assembled Brands – a company that finances emerging consumer goods brands – in connection with its strategic relationship with Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.\*
- Represented Kendo Holdings, Inc. -- a cosmetics and beauty incubator company owned by LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton and affiliated with Sephora -- in strategic transactions related to the formation and launch of the brands Fenty Beauty, Fenty Skin, Fenty Hair, and Fenty Fragrance.\*

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, 2013, J.D., cum laude
- New York University, 2010, B.A. in Politics, magna cum laude
  - With honors

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

## Memberships

- Board of Trustees, La Rabida Children's Hospital

## Awards & recognition

- One to Watch, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (2024-2025), Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Crain's Chicago Business: Notable Women in the Law (2024)
- Winner, Williston Competition in Contract Negotiation (Harvard Law School)

## News & Insights

- [Benesch Advises Astō Consumer Partners in Strategic Investment in Starface World, Inc.](#)  
March 6, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Advises Bluestone Equity Partners in Strategic Investment in Selkirk Sport](#)  
January 30, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Megan Ratia and Gilbert Villaflor mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move](#)  
April 25, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch Welcomes Partner Megan Ratia to the Firm's Corporate & Securities Practice Group](#)  
January 9, 2025 | Press Releases

## Speaking & Events

### PAST EVENTS

- [Knockout Networking Roundtable | Melissa R. Grim, Megan L. Mehalko, Megan Ratia](#)  
October 15, 2025