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Overview

Melanie advises on private equity matters, assists clients in financing mergers and acquisitions, and represents lenders and borrowers in a wide array of corporate financing. Clients also benefit from her guidance on corporate governance matters and her experience in handling commercial transactions in new and emerging fields.

Melanie's experience includes representing alternative investors, private equity funds, family offices, distressed debt funds, lenders (both syndicated and single-lender) and companies on all aspects of debt finance. She is experienced in drafting and negotiating various finance agreements, credit facilities, and ancillary documents, conducting due diligence, assessing financial risks associated with financings, and monitoring company compliance with loan provisions. She also advises lenders and borrowers on restructurings and refinancings, navigating complex collateral structures to deliver workable solutions that meet her clients' needs and position them for future success.

Prior to joining Benesch, Melanie was an associate in the debt finance group at a boutique cannabis-focused law firm.

Representative Matters

- Advised COEO Solutions, backed by private equity firm Riata Capital Partners, on its acquisition of NetWolves Network Services.
- 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.
- Ongoing representation a premier residential roofing company in connection with multiple add-ons to its platform facility and subsequent amendments to its credit facility.
- Represented an independent sponsor in connection with its financing facility in connection with the acquisition of a bicycle and bicycle parts sales company.
- Represented Columbia Pacific Advisors in a joint venture with Criterion Group in obtaining $180 million in refinancing for a 34-property, 15.4 million-square-foot industrial outdoor storage portfolio spanning 290 acres across key Tier 1 and Tier 2 markets nationwide.
- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately $2 billion.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 2022, J.D.
  - Cardozo Moot Court Honor Society
  - Recipient, Jacob Burns Medal for Devotion to Cardozo's Moot Court team
- University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2019, B.A., Strategic Communications and Political Science

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Florida

News & Insights

- Benesch Advises COEO Solutions on its Acquisition of S-NET Communications
  May 5, 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
- Melanie Friedman Mentioned in Crain's New York People on the Move
  March 12, 2025 | Media Mentions