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Overview

Michael advises private equity sponsors, their portfolio companies and public and private businesses as they evaluate opportunities, structure transactions and close deals. His practice focuses on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, carve-outs, joint ventures, minority investments and other complex transactions.

He works closely with management teams, sponsors, investors and boards across the full transaction lifecycle, from initial structuring and negotiation through closing, delivering commercially focused counsel designed to allocate risk effectively and drive transactions to a timely and successful close.

Michael serves as lead counsel to buyers and sellers in complex, time-sensitive transactions, including platform and add-on acquisitions and cross-border deals requiring coordination across multiple regulatory frameworks. He has particular depth in the home services sector, regularly representing private equity sponsors executing buy-and-build strategies across commercial and residential window and door, roofing, plumbing and HVAC businesses, and helping them navigate the regulatory, integration and operational complexities inherent in consolidating fragmented markets. He also has significant experience advising on financial services and technology transactions for strategic buyers, financial buyers and independent sponsors.

His experience spans technology, healthcare, home services, financial services, professional services and industrial businesses, giving him a broad frame of reference for identifying risks and opportunities that may not be immediately apparent in any single sector.

Michael is driven by a straightforward philosophy: clients navigating significant transactions deserve counsel who is available when it matters, direct about the risks and focused on achieving the right outcome. He has been recognized for that approach by *Ohio Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Prior to joining Benesch, Michael practiced at Squire Patton Boggs and Dickinson Wright.

Representative Matters

- Represented Smartlink, LLC, a nationwide provider of telecommunications infrastructure services, in the sale of all of its equity to Recognize.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Executive Development Editor, *Cleveland State Law Review*
- Kent State University, B.B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Leadership Columbus, Signature Program, Class of 2025

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®* Ones to Watch, Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law, 2026
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Star, 2024, 2026

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases

- Benesch Advises Mosaic Service Partners on Acquisition of Clarity Windows & Doors
  May 13, 2026 | Press Releases
- 48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Announces 16 New Partners for 2026
  December 31, 2025 | Press Releases
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Michael Fisher Mentioned in Columbus Business First People on the Move
  July 16, 2025 | Media Mentions