



## Michael J. Klein

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### Overview

**Michael has significant experience representing clients in commercial real estate transactions and business transactions.**

He counsels and represents clients in both domestic and international acquisitions, dispositions, lending, leasing, sale-leasebacks, build to suits, separation of real estate assets, restructurings, construction, zoning, utility agreements and development work. Prior to joining the firm, he was a partner with another prominent law firm and senior counsel for real estate for a Fortune 100 company. Michael further assists clients with his knowledge in business and commercial matters.

### Representative Matters

- Represented a client in the \$11.25 million sale of a 26-acre lakefront residential property in Illinois.
- Represented a major West Coast REIT in acquiring two large multifamily properties in California for \$240.5M, including comprehensive environmental review and analysis as part of the transaction.
- Represented a consumer goods manufacturer in the purchase of 125,000 sf warehouse in Woodridge, IL.
- Represented a public relations firm in the lease of 20,000 sf office lease in Atlanta, GA.
- Represented a consumer goods manufacturer in the lease of 100,000 sf warehouse in Woodridge, IL.

- Represented an alternative energy company, as tenant, in the negotiation of 22,000 sf office lease at 200 W Madison, Chicago, IL.
- Represented a medical device and nutrition company in the purchase of 25 acres of land assembled from 8 property owners for future development in Cherokee County, GA.
- Represented a law firm, as tenant, in the negotiation of 164,000 sf office lease in Key Tower, Cleveland, OH.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, 1994, J.D.
- University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, 1991, B.A.
  - with distinction

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

## Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Illinois State Bar Association
- Vice President, University of Illinois Law Alumni Association (2009-2012)
- Coach, Batavia Youth Baseball and Football Teams (2009-2014)
- Board Member, Finance Committee, Aspire Chicago (2022-present)

## Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Legal 500: City Elite, Real Estate, 2026
- “AV” Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed, Illinois Super Lawyers (2010-2011)

## News & Insights

- [Benesch Welcomes New Partners in Chicago](#)  
October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- [Michael Klein quoted in Commercial Observer | “Leases are Getting Shorter and Rents are Dropping with U.S. Office Market in Turmoil”](#)  
July 20, 2020 | Media Mentions
- [My Benesch My Team - LeafFilter](#)  
November 4, 2019 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads
- [Benesch Increases Chicago Office Footprint to Accommodate Rapid Expansion](#)  
July 18, 2019 | Press Releases