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Overview

Mike focuses his practice on employee benefits, advising clients on plan design, implementation, and compliance, as well as employee benefits issues arising in mergers and acquisitions. He also counsels businesses and trustees on the feasibility, design, and administration of employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), guiding clients through ESOP transactions across a wide range of industries.

Representative Matters

- Represented Purolator, a leading Canadian provider of integrated freight, package and logistics solutions, as U.S. deal counsel in its acquisition of Livingston International from Platinum Equity.
- Represented the trustee of an ESOP in its acquisition of 100% of the common stock of a specialty earth works contractor.
- Represented an ESOP-owned utility vegetation management consulting firm through an audit of the firm's ESOP by the Internal Revenue Service, resulting in the audit being closed with no changes.
- Represented Meteor Education, a portfolio company of Bain Capital Double Impact Fund, in its acquisition of Advanced Technologies Consultants, a leading provider of career and technical education training and equipment in both secondary and post-secondary education markets.
- Represented Alpine Investors and its portfolio company Ascend, a provider of practice management services to accounting businesses, in an add-on acquisition.

- Represented a private equity buyer in its acquisition of a wholesale distributor of pipes, valves, and fittings.
- Represented Gridiron Capital in the sale of Foundation Wellness, a leading consumer wellness platform that designs, manufactures, markets, and sells high-value branded wellness products, to Bansk Group.
- Represented the Buyer in its acquisition of a company engaged in the sale and servicing of first responder vehicles.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, 2020, Juris Doctor , *cum laude*
  - Eminent Scholar, 2017-2020
- Case Western Reserve University, 2017, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with honors and history, minor in Economics and Italian, *cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

News & Insights

- Benesch Advises Rotunda on Strategic Investment in Capital Machine Technologies
  April 22, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Client Rotunda Capital Partners on Strategic Investment in Lehman Pipe and Supply, Inc.
  September 6, 2024 | Press Releases