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Overview

PJ represents clients in complex civil litigation, regulatory matters, and government investigations. He advises businesses and individuals through high-stakes disputes, including commercial litigation, business torts, internal investigations, white collar matters, antitrust inquiries, and healthcare fraud investigations.

PJ has experience in all stages of pretrial litigation, such as fact investigation, discovery, depositions, motion practice, and trial preparation. He has handled a wide variety of matters including commercial contracts disputes, business torts, internal investigations, white collar defense, shareholder derivative lawsuits, multidistrict litigation, antitrust investigations, compliance counseling, and health care fraud investigations. PJ also has experience litigating and arguing appeals in Federal Circuit Court. PJ is a skilled investigator with extensive experience conducting internal investigations.

PJ serves on the Board of the Federal Bar Association for the Northern District of Ohio as the CLE Chair. He also volunteers as a JD Ambassador for Service to School, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping veterans transition from active-duty service to higher education opportunities. Most recently, PJ was appointed to serve on the board of the Command Purpose Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping veterans reclaim their identity after military service and leverage leadership skills to continue living mission driven lives.

PJ has over seventeen years of combined service in the United States Army and United States Army Reserve as a commissioned officer. Before being admitted to practice law, PJ served on active duty for eight years and currently serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve. His experience as a commissioned officer has honed his leadership and problem-solving skills across a wide range of complex problem sets.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, 2020, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Chief Publication Editor, *Cleveland State Law Review*
  - ABA Moot Court Regional Finalist
- University of Dayton, 2009, B.A., Political Science and Government, *cum laude*
  - Distinguished Military Graduate

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Memberships

- Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio, CLE Chair and Board Member
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Member

News & Insights

- Benesch Attorney PJ Sullivan Joins Command Purpose Foundation Board of Directors
  November 12, 2026 | Press Releases
- U.S. Trade Fraud Task Force Surpasses $1 Billion in Recoveries, Signaling Heightened Customs Enforcement
  July 23, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Feds Set Their Sights on Ohio: Unpacking the Federal-State Partnership
  June 22, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- White House Taps Vice President to Lead New “Task Force to Eliminate Fraud”
  April 7, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Dance Like No One is Watching, Text Like Your Words Will Be Published on the Front Page: The Importance of Internal Compliance with FINRA and Text Message Production
  March 5, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- DOJ’s New Trade Fraud Task Force Raises Criminal Exposure for Importers
  September 17, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights

- Peter J. Sullivan, Jr. mentioned in Crain's Cleveland People on the Move
  April 25, 2025 | Media Mentions
- President Trump “Pauses” FCPA Enforcement: What This Means for Legal & Compliance Departments
  February 12, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights