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Overview

Focusing his practice on corporate, partnership and real estate taxation, Richard is experienced in the tax aspects of corporate reorganizations and restructurings, tax-free exchanges, acquisitions and divestitures, partnership and joint venture formations, restructurings and syndications, securitization, IRS audits, and executive compensation matters.

Richard is a member of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association and has spoken at The Cleveland Tax Institute and at seminars sponsored by the Council of Smaller Enterprises, Enterprise Development, Inc., and the American Institute of certified public accountants. He also has taught a course on corporate income taxation at the University of Akron for its graduate tax program.

Representative Matters

- Advised Alia Software Inc., an AI-powered pop-up and email/SMS list-growth platform for e-commerce merchants, such as Shopify, in its acquisition by Dotdigital Group plc (AIM: DOTD), a global provider of AI-driven customer experience and data platforms.
- Advised Currier Plastics in its investment partnership with Sheridan Capital Partners.
- Represented Sequoia in its add-on asset purchase of Karpas Strategies, LLC, a wealth advisory firm.
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- Represented Millpond Equity Partners in its sale of TouchMath, a provider of supplemental math curriculum.
- Represented Noble Rock Software in its strategic investment in Energy Worldnet, a leading provider of legally mandated Operator Qualification SaaS solutions for the gas pipeline, utility, and telecommunications industries.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Notre Dame, 1981, BBA, *summa cum laude*
 - Beta Gamma Sigma
 - Beta Alpha Psi
 - Sophomore Advisory Council
- University of North Carolina School of Law, 1984, J.D.
 - Graduated with honors
 - Law Review
 - American Jurisprudence Award

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Tax Court
- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Memberships

- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Former Board Member, Cleveland Sight Center

Awards & recognition

- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Tax, 2022-2026

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Tax, 2013-2026
- AV® Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

News & Insights

- [Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings](#)
June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Advises Sports Facilities Companies on Acquisition of Power Wellness](#)
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- [Benesch Represents Alia Software Inc. in Acquisition by Dotdigital Group plc](#)
March 17, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Advises Weinberg Capital Group on Acquisition of Pinson Valley Heat Treating, Bolstering Manufacturing Capabilities](#)
December 12, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Advises Currier Plastics in Investment by Sheridan Capital Partners, Accelerating Growth in Healthcare Manufacturing](#)
October 3, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Represents Trivest Partners in Acquisition of Applied Value Group, Driving Expansion in Private Equity-Backed Consulting](#)
September 16, 2025 | Press Releases
- [129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings](#)
August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Represents Trivest in Sale of Unosquare to Ridgemont](#)
July 9, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings](#)
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- [Benesch Serves as Legal Counsel to Noble Rock Software on Strategic Investment in Energy Worldnet](#)
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