

Richard F. Tracanna

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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

- Represented Gridiron Capital in its acquisition of Centroid, a premier Oracle Cloud Infrastructure service provider.
- Represented Smartlink, LLC, a nationwide provider of telecommunications infrastructure services, in the sale of all of its equity to Recognize.
- 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.
- Represented Sequoia in its add-on acquisition of AltruVista, LLC, a wealth management advisor.
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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

- Named, Legal 500 City Elite, Tax, 2026
- Named, Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Tax Lawyers, 2026

- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Tax, 2022-2026
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®,* Tax Law, 2013-2027
- AV® Rated, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Legal 500 City Elite Rankings
  July 28, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Advises Gridiron Capital on its Investment in Centroid
  July 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partner Richard Tracanna Named to 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Tax Lawyers
  June 24, 2026 | Press Releases
- 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
  May 13, 2026 | Press Releases
- 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