



## Robert C. Ondak Jr.

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### Overview

**Michelle is a highly accomplished legal professional with over 20 years of experience in litigation and management of Legal Support and Litigation Assistants.**

Michelle began her legal journey as a court reporter and quickly moved into a legal support position, where she provided valuable assistance to litigation attorneys. She continued with her career path moving on to becoming a Legal Support Manager overseeing legal support staff and paralegals. Michelle has proven herself as a leader and has been proactive in volunteering for critical teams, mentoring programs, software development, and client projects. In addition, she was instrumental in launching a firm-wide workflow project and assisted in developing a workflow coordinator position within the firm to effectively monitor and manage attorney work product.

### Representative Matters

- Represented national financial institution in an \$8,000,000 loan restructuring with a hotel operator.
- Represented a publicly-held REIT in the redevelopment of a shopping center involving the relocation and termination of 30 existing leases.
- Represented a real estate developer in a \$39 million loan to acquire a warehouse/industrial portfolio.
- Represented a publicly-held REIT in the acquisition and development of a Target anchored shopping center in southern California.
- Represented buyer in the purchase of a multi-million dollar manufacturing facility.

- Represented a private, post-secondary educational institution in multiple sale-leaseback transactions nationwide.
- Represented a publicly-held REIT in the redevelopment of an approximately 1,000,000 square foot outlet mall after the mall was flooded.
- Represented a publicly-held REIT in various retail leasing matters, including anchor tenant leases, in-line tenant leases, ground leases, relocation and expansion agreements and lease assignments.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1998, J.D.
- Fairfield University, 1995, B.A., cum laude

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

## Memberships

- Member, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, International Council of Shopping Centers
- Member NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association
- Member, CoreNet Global
- Past President, Gilmour Academy Alumni Association (Gates Mills, Ohio)

## Awards & recognition

- Named, Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer, 2025-2026
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Real Estate, 2022-2025
- Listed, The Best Lawyers in America®, Real Estate Law, 2009-2026
- Listed, Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2011-2013

## News & Insights

- [Thomson Reuters Honors Eight Benesch Attorneys as 2026 "Stand-Out Lawyers"](#)  
February 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- [129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings](#)  
August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings](#)  
June 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Thomson Reuters Honors 13 Benesch Attorneys as 2025 "Stand-Out Lawyers"](#)  
March 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- [40 Benesch Attorneys and 15 Practices Recognized by Chambers USA 2024, One Attorney Ranked Globally](#)  
June 6, 2024 | Press Releases
- [44 Benesch Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America® 2013](#)  
October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- [48 Benesch Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America](#)  
October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- [Benesch Ranks in Midwest Real Estate News](#)  
October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- [U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers 2017](#)  
October 30, 2023 | Announcements
- [U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers 2019](#)  
October 30, 2023 | Announcements

## Speaking & Events

### PAST EVENTS

- [Delivery of Possession Requirements](#)  
October 24, 2012 - October 27, 2012