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Overview

Robert counsels and represents a variety of participants in commercial real estate transactions, including developers, property owners, landlords, tenants and financial institutions. He is the group leader of the firm's leasing team that represents retail, office, and industrial landlords and tenants nationwide. He also has significant experience with advising developers in various aspects of real estate development for a multitude of projects, including shopping centers, office buildings, and industrial parks.

Furthermore, Robert counsels sellers and purchasers in negotiating purchase and sale agreements and lenders and borrowers in financing transactions, such as construction lending, permanent mortgage financing, ground lease financing, loan workouts, and loan restructurings.

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, 2022-2026
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®,* Real Estate Law, 2009-2027
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2011-2013

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 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
- 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

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Delivery of Possession Requirements
  October 24, 2012 - October 27, 2012