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Overview

Ron is a veteran trial lawyer with over 35 years of experience representing Fortune 100 companies, privately held companies and individuals in high stakes, complex litigation. Ron has a stellar track record of success for his clients in trials, arbitrations and appeals throughout the country.

Ron has tried cases in California, Delaware, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas. Known as a strategic thinker and pragmatist, Ron achieves client success while also meeting and exceeding client expectations.

Ron's practice is focused on commercial litigation of all kinds, including defamation, antitrust, fraud, and RICO cases. He has spent over 20 years representing financial services clients in securities and commodities class actions, shareholder derivative litigation and a wide array of regulatory investigations, including those brought by the SEC, CFTC and state securities agencies. Ron enjoys counseling clients in pre-litigation business disputes, such as post-closing disputes or corporate governance concerns, that brings immeasurable value to Benesch clients.

**Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.*

Representative Matters

- Represented a Special Litigation Committee in the evaluation of derivative claims seeking hundreds of millions of dollars.*
- Representing C suite executive of multinational privately held company on various corporate governance issues.

- Represented debtors' estates in a three-week bench trial in support of substantive consolidation. The case was settled on terms favorable to the client.*
- Representing the management of a large real estate investment syndicate in connection with claims relating to tax liabilities of certain limited partnership interests.
- Represented a global election technology company in a defamation suit against Newsmax. The trial team secured a favorable settlement for the client on eve of trial.
- Represented the outside directors in a securities class action seeking over $1 billion and achieved their dismissal prior to a nine-figure plaintiffs' jury verdict.*
- Represented a regional bank and its association in defense of a 10-count complaint alleging malfeasance in connection with its actions as a co-trustee of a large family trust. The case was dismissed in motion practice.*
- Prosecuted federal antitrust claims against a state governing board for youth hockey and four Tier I hockey clubs for enforcing an allegedly illegal restraint limiting Illinois to no more than four Tier 1 hockey clubs. The matter was resolved and the client began operating a new Tier I club.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan Law School, 1986, J.D., *cum laude*
  - Michigan Law Review
- University of Michigan, 1983, BBA
  - With high distinction
  - Phi Beta Kappa

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including Trial Bar
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Chicago Lincoln Inn of Court

Awards & Recognition

- Super Lawyer, Illinois Super Lawyers (2024)
- Leading Lawyers (Commercial Litigation, 2014-present)
- Litigation Counsel of America (Fellow)

News & Insights

- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 25, 2024 | Press Releases
- Ronald S. Betman and Theresa Cross mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  December 4, 2023 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Deepens Litigation Bench, Adding Veteran Trial Lawyer Ron Betman in Chicago
  November 7, 2023 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Mastering Daubert Challenges: A Collaborative Approach to Enhancing Expert Testimony in Litigation | Ronald S. Betman
  March 21, 2025 | Speaking Engagement