

A professional portrait of Shanae Nelson, a Black woman with her hair pulled back, wearing a dark blazer over a black top. She is standing in a modern office hallway with a staircase in the background. Her arms are crossed.

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Overview

Shanae has a wide range of experience in the corporate practice area. In her previous roles, she has taken part in advising on M&A and divestiture transactions, general corporate governance matters, contract review, and nondisclosure agreements. Shanae has led and assisted with due diligence processes, coordinated deal teams, and assisted with entity formation.

In addition, Shanae has also been involved in pro-bono work that involves assisting Chicago residents with the naturalization process as well as forming nonprofits.

Representative Matters

- Advised Currier Plastics in its investment partnership with Sheridan Capital Partners.
- Represented Honeywell in the spin-off of its Advanced Materials business, now operating as Solstice Advanced Materials.
- Represented Gridiron Capital in the sale of Foundation Wellness, a leading consumer wellness platform that designs, manufactures, markets, and sells high-value branded wellness products, to Bansk Group.
- Represented the buyer in its acquisition of a manufacturer of aerospace and aviation components.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2021, J.D.
 - Articles Editor, *Indiana Law Journal*
- DePauw University, 2018, B.A. in Education Studies, *magna cum laude*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

News & Insights

- [Benesch Advises Honeywell on Successful Spin-Off of Solstice Advanced Materials](#)
November 13, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Advises Currier Plastics in Investment by Sheridan Capital Partners, Accelerating Growth in Healthcare Manufacturing](#)
October 3, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Shanae Nelson mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move](#)
October 13, 2023 | Media Mentions
- [Shanae Nelson mentioned in Cook County Record | "Benesch Adds Associate to Corporate Team in Chicago"](#)
August 30, 2023 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch Adds Associate to Corporate Team in Chicago](#)
August 24, 2023 | Press Releases