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Overview

Zach focuses his practice on white collar crime, government investigations and trial work, drawing on significant experience as a former federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax and Criminal Divisions, where he focused on tax and other white collar prosecutions. He is accomplished in navigating all aspects of white collar investigations and trials, particularly federal criminal trials.

Zach's approach is shaped by his experience on both the prosecution and defense sides, allowing him to anticipate opposing strategies and develop effective, relationship-driven solutions. He is known for treating all parties with respect, which helps foster productive negotiations and increases the likelihood of favorable outcomes for his clients. Zach's background as a federal prosecutor provides him with a unique perspective on how government attorneys approach cases, and he leverages his relationships with federal prosecuting offices to benefit those he represents.

Clients value Zach's quick thinking, diligence and commitment to providing honest, realistic assessments of their legal options. He is dedicated to clear and timely communication, ensuring clients understand the risks and potential paths forward at every stage-and has been recognized for his ability to lead all aspects of federal criminal cases, including obtaining guilty verdicts from juries in multiple criminal tax prosecutions.

Before joining Benesch, Zach was honored with the Department of Justice's Tax Division Outstanding Attorney Award. He has also demonstrated commitment to public service through pro bono work, including appellate matters, parole hearings and constitutional challenges.

Zach is particularly comfortable speaking on federal white collar crime, especially criminal tax matters. He is excited to be part of Benesch's collaborative and nimble environment, where top-tier legal talent works together to deliver exceptional client service.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, 2017, J.D.
  - Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2012, B.A., Political Science and History
  - with honors

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Washington D.C.

Clerkships

- Law Clerk for the Honorable Barbara Milano Keenan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2020-2021
- Law Clerk for the Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis, U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, 2019-2020

News & Insights

- Election 2026 Reshapes the State Attorney General Landscape: What Companies Should Expect
  November 9, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- There's Fifty New Sheriffs in Town: The Paramount-Warner Bros. Settlement and State Antitrust
  October 12, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Word on the Street: State AGs Set Their Sights on Antitrust, Data Centers and Healthcare
  September 17, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Word on the Street: Key Insights from the 2026 National Association of Attorneys General Presidential Summit
  July 10, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Law360 Publishes Analysis by Benesch Attorneys Kevin Frankel, Zachary Cobb and Matthew Wulf on Expanding "Payola" Enforcement Risks
  June 18, 2026 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- Law360 Publishes Analysis by Benesch's Marisa Darden, Kevin Frankel and Zachary Cobb on Limits of Wire Fraud Enforcement
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- Word on the Street: State AGs Set Their Sights on Data Centers and Affordable Housing
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- Ohio Governor Appoints Andy Wilson as Attorney General: New Leadership, New Opportunities
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- The CFTC's New Cooperation Playbook: What Practitioners Need to Know About Letter No. 26-15
  June 4, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- State AGs are Busy Bees: Benesch Continues to Monitor the Implications of Recent State AG Actions
  June 3, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights