

PRACTICE

Accounting & Financial Reporting Litigation

When your financial integrity, regulatory exposure or business reputation is at risk, Benesch is the firm you want on your side. With leading litigators, industry knowledge and a nuanced understanding of accounting and reporting standards, we take on and resolve complex financial allegations and disputes.

Experienced Team

Our team has a strong track record of investigating and successfully resolving accounting and financial reporting misconduct allegations.

▶ Accounting Malpractice Defense

Defending companies facing allegations of negligence, breach of professional duty and misrepresentation in audit and non-audit services

▶ Auditor & Professional Liability Representation

Defending accounting firms and CPAs in disputes over engagement letters, scope and indemnification issues

▶ Financial Fraud & Misreporting Litigation

Representing clients facing financial reporting fraud claims following whistleblower complaints, SEC investigations or business failure

▶ Regulatory Investigations & Enforcement

Conducting internal investigations and board reporting for financial disclosure scrutiny and navigating parallel federal and state regulatory investigations

▶ Securities & Shareholder Litigation

Handling class actions, derivative suits and Section 10(b) claims arising from alleged accounting misstatements

▶ Valuation & Transaction Disputes

Representing clients in disputes over business value in mergers, acquisitions, dissolutions and buyouts

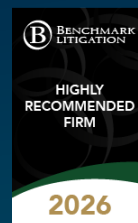
What We Do

- Represent companies, financial institutions and professionals in accounting, fraud and valuation disputes
- Partner with forensic and valuation experts to craft strategic defenses
- Handle all stages of litigation, from investigations to trial
- Bring technical skill, courtroom experience and credibility to achieve strong results

Industry Recognition

Highly Recommended Firm

by Benchmark Litigation



Ranked Nationally

by Best Law Firms®



Recognized

by Chambers



Cross-Disciplinary Guidance

- Clients rely on Benesch for proactive guidance to reduce litigation risks in transactions
- Litigators collaborate with the firm's Corporate, Tax, Securities and White Collar Defense teams to advise on regulatory and transactional matters
- Attorneys help clients navigate complex financial reporting standards, including GAAP, GAAS, IFRS and PCAOB requirements
- Benesch handles matters ranging from uncovering fraudulent accounting schemes to defending audit professionals in multibillion-dollar claims
- The firm's focus is on protecting business value, maintaining stakeholder trust and preserving client reputations

Representative Matters

- ▶ Represented a "Big Four" accounting firm in auditor liability litigation seeking over \$3 billion in damages. Secured a directed verdict in favor of the accounting firm following 103 days of trial testimony and argument, with the result affirmed by the state supreme court.
- ▶ Represented a cable set-top manufacturer in a series of securities fraud class actions stemming from disclosure of accounting fraud by a customer. Prevailed on motions to dismiss all claims and all actions.
- ▶ Represented a "Big Four" accounting firm in securities fraud claims by bondholders and stockholders stemming from disclosure of multibillion-dollar accounting fraud by an audit client. Claims settled following three years of fact discovery.