

# IN MEMORY



**William I. Kohn**  
(1951–2010)

It is with great sadness that the partners, associates and staff of Benesch are mourning the loss of their Partner, Will Kohn.

Will was a Partner and Group Chair of the Bankruptcy and Business Reorganization Department at Benesch. He was a nationally-recognized attorney with more than 30 years of experience. Will was the Chair of the American Board of Certification for the ABA's Business and Consumer Bankruptcy Practice and was a former adjunct professor of Bankruptcy and Banking Law at the University of Notre Dame College of Law.

A very private and generous man, Will gave back to the communities in which he lived and worked and endowed two scholarships at the Michael E. Moritz College of Law, Ohio State – the Dean John "Jack" Henderson Scholarship and The James H. Williams Scholarship Fund. He also endowed a scholarship at the University of Cincinnati – The E. Edward Herman-Howard R. Leftwich Scholarship for Organizational Leadership. In 2006,

he was presented the Excellence in Public Interest Service Award by the Northern District of Illinois District Court and the Federal Bar Association for creating a program for the disabled and financially disadvantaged to avoid bankruptcy. He helped to create a similar

program through the Legal Aid Society in Cleveland. His involvement in the philanthropic area was never done for self recognition or gain – he did it because he truly believed in helping others and he set an example for all professionals to follow.

He received his J.D. from The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law and his B.A. from the University of Cincinnati. He was admitted to practice in Ohio, Illinois, District of Columbia and Indiana.

Will was born in Bronx, New York. He resided with his wife, Karen, in Pepper Pike and they have three children, Shira, Kinneret and Asher.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Will's wife and family as we say goodbye to a valued colleague and friend.