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Rich Benenson is managing partner of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck and has spent more than 30 years building a career in complex litigation, firm leadership and civic engagement. Since joining Brownstein in 2002, Benenson has served in a series of leadership roles, including senior litigator, chair of the firm's Litigation Department and, since 2019, managing partner.



Before assuming firmwide leadership, Benenson established a national reputation representing clients in complex litigation, antitrust, consumer protection and regulatory matters. As managing partner, he has overseen significant growth across the firm's legal and lobbying practices. In 2025, Brownstein surpassed \$300 million in gross revenue for the first time in firm history, reaching \$311.4 million, while also increasing profits per equity partner and overall net income.

Under Benenson's leadership, the firm expanded its national footprint with new offices in New York City and Tampa, Florida, and launched a new public affairs practice. He also guided deeper integration between the firm's legal and lobbying operations, contributing to record federal lobbying revenue of \$73.8 million in 2025.

Beyond his legal career, he has remained active in Colorado civic and nonprofit leadership.