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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2016, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, Georgetown Law Journal, Executive Notes Editor

University of Richmond, B.A., 2013, Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable John M. Rogers, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Richard J. Leon, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Legal Intern, Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Litigation Associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New York

HIGHLIGHTS

- Represented LivWell—a subsidiary of PharmaCann, the country's largest vertically integrated cannabis company—against claims by a purported investor and bookrunner for tens of millions of dollars in equity. Successfully obtained dismissal of all claims after uncovering and proving the fabrication of key evidence. On appeal, delivered a successful oral argument at the Colorado Court of Appeals affirming the dismissal.
- Won a jury verdict for DISH Wireless in a 9-figure contract dispute.
- As lead litigation counsel, assisted a healthcare technology company navigate and resolve an existential threat before litigation, resulting in a \$35+ million business transaction.
- Successfully represented a major U.S. wireless carrier in confidential arbitration proceedings to secure its rights in blockchain related intellectual property. Client was awarded its attorney fees.
- Represented a major European telecom provider in successfully obtaining discovery under Section 1782 for use in a foreign proceeding.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for a major North American resort owner and operator in multiple consumer class actions seeking refunds following the company's closure of its ski resorts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Obtained immediate relief for Michelin in a trade secrets misappropriation case against a former employee and competitor in federal court in South Carolina.

INDUSTRIES

- Telecommunications
- Financial Services
- Professional Services
- Consumer Products & Services
- Cannabis

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Appellate
- Antitrust & Competition
- Professional Liability
- Employment
- Investigations & Compliance

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BIOGRAPHY

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Ryan has represented clients in civil and white-collar matters, including complex commercial and contractual disputes, intellectual property fights, professional liability litigation, and securities and other class actions. Prior to joining WTO, Ryan was a litigation associate at a preeminent law firm in New York City.

CASES

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- Obtained favorable settlement for a nation-leading cable operator in a high-stakes and high-profile antitrust dispute brought by a regional content provider.

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- Represented an international law firm in connection with legal-malpractice and breach-of-fiduciary-duty claims arising out of the firm's work on a real estate deal.
- Represented an Am Law 50 law firm in connection with legal-malpractice and fraud claims arising out of the firm's work on a complex tax matter.
- Represented the board of directors of a bankrupt alternative energy company in connection with its reorganization and defense of several securities, breach-of-fiduciary-duty, and whistleblower claims.
- Represented a real estate company pre-suit in connection with an ongoing contractual dispute arising out of a major New York City development project.
- Authored a federal *habeas* petition for an incarcerated pro bono client asserting claims of ineffective assistance of counsel.
- Assisted U.S. military veterans in service-connected disability claims before the VA.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
U.S. District Court, S.D. New York

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Colorado Super Lawyers
"Rising Star" - Business Litigation, 2022-2025
The Best Lawyers in America
Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2023-2025
International Academy of Trial Lawyers
2016 Student Advocacy Award
Empire State Counsel
2017 Honoree

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Articles

- *Down with Legislative-Standing Myopia: Why Congressional Suits to Police the Separation of Powers Fail Under Article I*, 105 Geo. L.J. 1055, (2017).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Reading biographies, boxing, and Liverpool Football Club