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OVERVIEW

As a champion debater, Ryan designed his strategies to achieve a goal—a principle he carries into his litigation practice. He approaches each case with an awareness that multiple tactics exist, but the best is the one that achieves the client's objectives. He practices from Atlanta via our Link virtual office.

Ryan concentrates his practice on insurance coverage and bad faith defense and on healthcare litigation. In the insurance space, he advises clients on all matters of coverage, investigates claims, advises on time-limited demands, and drafts coverage opinions. When coverage is disputed or policyholders allege bad faith, Ryan has extensive experience in bringing declaratory judgment actions or defending his clients in state and federal courts. Ryan is experienced in advising clients over a wide range of policies, litigating first-party and third-party claims, and achieving favorable outcomes.

In his healthcare practice, which has spanned more than a decade, Ryan represents hospital systems, hospitals, and healthcare providers in a wide range of disputes, including payor-payee cases, medical staff member litigation, bylaw compliance claims, disputes over National Practitioner Data Bank reporting, Certificate of Need cases, and other complex healthcare litigation.

Ryan began his career as a commercial litigator and uses those litigation skills to represent clients across diverse legal matters. Whatever the client's goal, he

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Services

Appellate

Commercial Litigation

Employment Litigation Defense

Healthcare Litigation

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develops a plan aligned with their interests and objectives—whether pursuing motions practice, vigorously litigating a case through summary judgment and trial, or driving an efficient, practical resolution.

Before joining Husch Blackwell in 2025, Ryan spent more than 13 years at a midsize law firm. Clients appreciate his experience, diligence, and exceptional advocacy. In significant, high-stakes matters, they rely on him and his skilled team for the focused analysis, meticulous attention to detail, and thorough preparation that can make all the difference in court.

Experience

INSURANCE

- Represented insurers in first- and third-party coverage actions, bad faith litigation, preparing coverage options, preparing reservations of rights, and handling examinations under oath.
- Represented insurer in coverage and bad faith litigation arising from an underlying judgment exceeding \$30M from an automobile collision.
- Represented insurer in first-party litigation regarding a \$2.4M loss to a golf course clubhouse.
- Represented insurer in litigation involving multimillion-dollar loss due to claims mishandling by a third-party administrator.
- Represented insurer in property insurance coverage action with insured chicken processing plant involving deaths of six employees and loss of inventory following a leak of liquid nitrogen.
- Represented insurer in coverage action with insured hotel involving allegations of sex trafficking.
- Represented numerous clients in contract disputes and tort litigation.

HEALTHCARE

- Represented hospital and healthcare providers in administrative fair hearings with members of the medical staff regarding suspension or termination of medical staff privileges.

Experience

- Represented hospital and medical executive committee members in litigation involving allegations of race and national origin discrimination in connection with termination of clinical privileges and medical staff membership.
- Represented hospital in litigation concerning whether termination of clinical privileges was compliant with hospital's bylaws.
- Represented hospital in litigation with physician over National Practitioner Data Bank reporting and defamation claims arising therefrom.
- Represented creditors in litigation concerning fraudulent conveyances by debtors on behalf of a physician practice group.
- Represented client in dispute over whether purchase of hospital was compliant with the Hospital Acquisition Act.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Commercial Litigation, 2024-2025
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America
 - Health Care Law, 2021

Education

- J.D., University of Georgia School of Law
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Order of the Coif
 - *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*, Notes Editor
- B.A., Michigan State University
 - International Relations
 - National Debate Tournament Champion (2006)

Admissions

- Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

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