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OVERVIEW

Ryan represents clients of all sizes in a wide range of business matters.

Ryan advises and represents a diverse client base—from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies—across a wide array of industries. He offers both transactional and litigation experience, managing complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts and defending corporate clients in real estate and business disputes. In addition, Ryan has a strong track record in handling a variety of real estate and corporate transactional matters. Ryan is dedicated to helping clients overcome obstacles and is committed to finding effective solutions to their challenges, no matter how complex or unique their needs may be.

Ryan's passion for law is rooted in problem-solving. He began his career as a prosecuting attorney, litigating cases involving financial crimes and working with victims and their families to navigate challenging situations. Ryan takes pride in achieving successful outcomes for his clients and enjoys developing strategies to present the strongest possible case. He is committed to knowing the facts, the law, and the client's goals inside and out to deliver the best possible results.

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Banking & Finance

Commercial Litigation

Development Incentives & Tax Credits

Employment Litigation Defense

Labor & Employment

Real Estate Finance

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Experience

- Obtained successful summary judgment and dispositive motion rulings in state and federal court.
- Obtained favorable settlements for clients in state and federal cases involving complex commercial litigation.
- Facilitated complex commercial real estate transactions.
- Defended banking client on breach of fiduciary duty claims and positioned it for favorable settlement through successful motion practice.
- Counseled regional bank on legal issues pertaining to corporate transactions.
- Secured favorable result for Fortune 500 company suing for trade secret misappropriation.
- Successfully defended banking client in lawsuit involving claims of negligence and misrepresentation.
- Obtained trial victory in eminent domain case for local landowner against railroad company.
- Won defense verdict from jury in a personal injury case.
- Won summary judgment for school district in case involving constitutional issues related to COVID-19 student reentry plan.
- Won summary judgment for fastfood chain sued for allegations of discrimination and harrassment.
- Won jury trial victory in case involving allegations of fraud.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America,* Commercial Litigation, 2026 and 2027
- *Springfield Business Journal,* 40 Under Forty, 2025

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Education

- J.D., Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
  - *cum laude*
- B.S.B.A., University of Missouri-Columbia
  - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri
- Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

Community Leadership

- Springfield Little Theatre, Board Member, 2021–2025
- Rotary Club of Springfield
- Ryan also serves as an adjunct instructor at Drury University during certain semesters.

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