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OVERVIEW

Ryan is a litigation attorney who handles cases in state and federal courts around the country. Ryan's litigation practice is focused primarily in two areas: business litigation and insurance coverage litigation. He has recently litigated cases in California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and West Virginia.

Ryan's business litigation experience includes defending and prosecuting complex contract disputes, claims for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, tortious interference, unfair competition, defamation and intellectual property infringement. He also has defended several class action claims and has experience handling claims for emergency relief.

Ryan's insurance coverage practice involves handling disputes on behalf of domestic and international insurers providing primary and excess commercial general liability and professional liability insurance. In that regard, he has litigated a wide variety of complex and large exposure lawsuits against sophisticated insureds, including large publicly traded corporations, public entities, risk pools, and law firms. Ryan also has extensive experience handling first party claims, inclusive of claims with complex time element coverage issues. These matters have included minor property losses as well as claims with exposure in excess of \$100 million involving adjustment teams, forensic accountants, and financial experts. Ryan has also successfully defended numerous claims seeking bad faith damages, including for bad faith failure to settle, and statutory penalties. In addition to insurance coverage litigation, Ryan also provides insurance coverage opinions, and, with the assistance of foreign counsel, has provided coverage advice on American claims subject to foreign laws.

Ryan also has considerable experience defending products liability, premises liability, transportation liability, and construction liability claims.

In his litigation practice, Ryan has taken and defended hundreds of depositions and first-chaired several jury trials, the majority of which have ended in no liability to his clients. He also has experience handling appeals in both state and federal courts.

Super Lawyers has recognized Ryan as an *Illinois Rising Star* in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 based on peer recognition and professional achievement. The *Super Lawyers* List recognizes no more than 5% percent of attorneys in each state. Ryan has also repeatedly been named an *Emerging Lawyer* by *Law Bulletin Publishing Company*, which is a designation awarded to only 2% of the lawyers under 40 years of age.

While in law school, Ryan externed for Judge Wayne R. Andersen (Ret.) of the Northern District of Illinois. He also served as the Notes & Comments Editor of the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*.

FOCUS AREAS

- Commercial
- First Party Property
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Litigation
- Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions

CREDENTIALS

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
- U.S. District Court, C.D. Illinois
- U.S. District Court, N.D. Illinois
- U.S. District Court, N.D. Illinois, Trial Bar
- U.S. District Court, S.D. Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit

EDUCATION

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.
 - Notes and Comments Editor, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*
 - Merit Scholarship recipient
- University of Iowa, B.A., *with Honors*
 - Recipient of the May Brodbeck Honors Award for History

EXPERIENCE

ACCOLADES

Super Lawyers® Illinois Rising Stars 2014

Super Lawyers® Illinois Rising Stars 2015

Super Lawyers® Illinois Rising Stars 2016

Super Lawyers® Illinois Rising Stars 2017

Super Lawyers® Illinois Rising Stars 2018

Super Lawyers® Illinois Rising Stars 2019

Super Lawyers® Illinois 2020

AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois State Bar Association

NEWS

- Walker Wilcox Successfully Represents Insurer in Bad-Faith Action Alleging Failure to Settle
- Walker Wilcox Wins Appeal in the West Virginia Supreme Court
- WWM is pleased to announce that Ryan J. Rodman has been elected to partner