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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 primarily focused on insurance coverage litigation. He has litigated cases in California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.

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.

In addition to insurance coverage work, Ryan also has considerable business litigation experience, which 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 has also devoted hundreds of hours throughout his career to pro bono work. These pro bono matters have included prosecution of civil rights claims, defense of individuals seeking emergency relief from deportation, and a variety of other legal assistance to persons of limited financial means.

Super Lawyers publication has recognized Ryan in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 based on peer recognition and professional achievement. The *Super Lawyers* List recognizes no more than 5% percent of attorneys in each state. Ryan was also repeatedly 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
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Super Lawyers® Illinois Rising Stars 2016

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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