

PARTNER

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PROFILE

Ryan is a litigation partner in the firm's Miami office, which was recognized by the *Daily Business Review* as Florida's Litigation Department of the Year (2025).

Ryan's practice focuses primarily on product liability, complex commercial litigation, and high-stakes disputes of all kinds, including trust litigation on behalf of high-net-worth individuals and multimillion-dollar attorney's fee disputes.

Ryan has been an integral member of more than 15 trial teams where he attended multi-week trials in state and federal courts across multiple jurisdictions. He has taken and defended over 150 depositions, argued at countless hearings, and prepared trial counsel for all aspects of trial presentation and strategy. His experience also spans both the defense and plaintiff side of the courtroom. He has defended Fortune 500 companies, including Philip Morris USA in dozens of cases alleging smoking-related injuries, and represented Am Law 50 firm Proskauer Rose in a professional negligence action that culminated in a six-week trial.

On the plaintiff side, Ryan was part of the team representing individuals in *In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation*, which has yielded more than \$1 billion in settlements against automakers, and he continues to serve as counsel in *In Re: ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litigation* pending in federal court in California.

In addition to product liability and commercial disputes, Ryan has developed significant experience in trust and estate litigation. He has represented beneficiaries in contested family trust matters, including successfully removing offending trustees, as well as claims of fraud by one spouse against the other in the context of divorce proceedings.



PRACTICES

- Products Liability
- Class Actions
- Global Investigations and White Collar Defense
- Professional Malpractice
- Commercial Disputes
- Artificial Intelligence

EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School**, LL.M.; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Staff Editor, Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts
- Florida State University College of Law**, J.D., *magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Notes and Comments Editor, Florida State University Law Review; Mock Trial Team; Five Book Awards, including Constitutional Law and Medical Malpractice
- University of Florida**, B.S., Public Relations; Production Lead, Gator Growl

ADMISSIONS

- Bars**
- Florida
- U.S. District Court: Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court: Southern District of Florida
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals: D.C. Circuit
- U.S. District Court: District of Columbia

Ryan has also worked in the area of judgment enforcement, pursuing execution efforts on behalf of Chevron Corporation. Additionally, he has significant experience in attorney's fee litigation, defending against multimillion-dollar fee claims. He has handled evidentiary hearings from start to finish, giving him a unique perspective on the strategic dimensions of attorney's fee litigation.

EXPERIENCE

Ryan's representative matters include:

- Defending Philip Morris USA Inc. in numerous Florida actions concerning smoking-related injuries
- Defending Proskauer Rose LLP, an Am Law 50 firm, in a six-week professional negligence trial
- Representing plaintiffs in *In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation*, securing over \$1 billion in settlements
- Representing plaintiffs in *In Re: ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litigation*
- Securing a substantial pre-suit settlement for the widow and minor child of a foreign national killed while cycling in Miami Beach
- Representing compounding pharmacies in a lawsuit against one of the nation's largest pharmacy benefit management companies following the termination of provider agreements
- Representing beneficiaries in contested family trust litigation, including claims of fraud and misuse of trusts ancillary to divorce proceedings
- Defending against multimillion-dollar attorney's fee claims through evidentiary hearings

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

It's My News Too! Online Journalism And Discriminatory Access To The Congressional Press Gallery, 12 Yale J.L. & Tech 208 (2010), *republished in, Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook* (West 2011).

The Judge as Author / The Author as Judge, 40 Golden Gate L. Rev. 37 (Fall 2009).