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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Litigation + Counseling
Products Liability
Toxic Tort Liability

EDUCATION

Hofstra University School of Law, JD, *magna cum laude*, 2015
Stony Brook University, BA, Philosophy, 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York
US Supreme Court
US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
US District Courts of New York—Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts

Overview

Ryan defends clients in all aspects of products liability, toxic torts and asbestos litigation, including at depositions, at trial as second-chair attorney and on appeal. Ryan has argued two appeals in New York, as well as fully briefing several others, one resulting in plaintiff conceding a dismissal in favor of Ryan's client before decision. Ryan particular experience and skill in motion practice, including motions to dismiss and summary judgment, having briefed and argued numerous motions across New York. Ryan previously briefed a post-trial decision resulting in the trial judge granting a mistrial following a jury verdict. In addition to client and product-specific defenses, Ryan is experienced with defenses involving personal jurisdiction, forum non conveniens, successor liability, corporate dissolution, choice of law, statutes of limitations and repose, as well as motions regarding general and specific causation.

During law school, Ryan was a legal intern in the Civil Division of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York and a judicial intern in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. He was also a senior associate editor for the *Hofstra Law Review*.

Experience

+ Secured a unanimous defense verdict in a New York Labor Law construction trial for an owner and construction manager, with the jury finding that the clients did not create or cause the alleged unsafe condition that led to the plaintiff's injuries.

Recognition

+ *Super Lawyers Rising Star* Honoree, 2024

Involvement

+ MG+M National Law Clerk Program, New Jersey and New York Local Program Lead, 2025–2026

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