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LEGAL SERVICES

Corporate & Business Owner Disputes

Trust & Probate Litigation

Antitrust Advice & Advocacy

Environmental Litigation

Accountant & Professional Liability

Insurance Recovery

EDUCATION

J.D., *summa cum laude*, University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law, 2007
Order of the Coif

Articles editor and a member of the Managing Board of the Arizona Law Review

M.A. Economics, *summa cum laude*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2000

B.A. Economics, *summa cum laude*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1999

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar

Washington State Bar

U.S. District Court of Oregon

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America

2018-2022 Litigation – Trusts & Estates

Super Lawyers

2018-2019, Oregon Super Lawyer – Business Litigation

2014-2017, Oregon Rising Star – Business Litigation

2010-2011, Oregon Rising Star – General Litigation

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Society of Barristers

Multnomah Bar Association

Ryan is a results-driven litigation attorney who represents individuals and companies of all sizes. He focuses on understanding your dispute, legal rights, and goals as early as possible in the litigation process. With a full understanding, Ryan tenaciously pursues a resolution that is favorable to you or your company. Ryan enjoys his job most when he is in the courtroom, but he is determined to get you the best result attainable as cost-effectively as possible. Ryan's experience includes handling numerous cases in both federal and state courts involving a broad range of issues including shareholder oppression, trusts and estates, antitrust, securities, breach of fiduciary duties, and contract law.

Prior to entering law school, Ryan worked as a financial analyst for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. As an undergraduate, Ryan was selected to the GTE Academic All-America First Team for his accomplishments both on and off the soccer field.

Ryan has enjoyed hiking and backpacking in national parks in the United States, Canada, Argentina, and Chile. Closer to home, Ryan enjoys hiking on the Wildwood Trail, especially with his wife and sons.

Representative Matters

Commercial Litigation — Ryan handles the broad scope of Tonkon Torp's clients' business disputes.

Grove City Veterinary Service, LLC et al. v. Charter Practices International, LLC, U.S. District Court, District of Oregon — Ryan worked as part of a team to defend a client against multiple claims with alleged damages of approximately \$20 million. Ryan's efforts focused on the experts in the case, including deposing all of the plaintiffs' purported experts. In a deposition, Ryan got the plaintiffs' "financial expert" to testify that he could do nothing more than basic math. The federal court dismissed many of plaintiffs' claims because they failed to offer any admissible evidence of damages. The federal court also agreed with Ryan that the plaintiffs' medical expert should be barred from testifying at

trial. See the court's opinion [here](#). Without financial or medical experts, plaintiffs' lawsuit came to an end.

Automotive Industries Pension Trust Fund et al. v. Barber Auto Sales, Inc. et al., U.S. District Court, District of Northern California — Ryan successfully represented approximately 15 companies and a former owner of numerous auto dealerships in an ERISA withdrawal liability action.

Shareholder Oppression Litigation — Ryan has handled numerous matters involving shareholder, partnership, and LLC member disputes. Ryan both defends and prosecutes company ownership disputes. Ryan has received multi-million dollar payments for oppressed shareholders and helped remove minority shareholders.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

Community Energy Project

Board of Directors

Forest Park Conservancy

Former Board of Trustees

Oregon State Parks Foundation

Former Board of Trustees

Oregon State Bar Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section

Former Chair

Trust and Estate Litigation — Ryan has handled numerous matters involving trust and estate litigation, including trust contests, fiduciary duty disputes, and elder abuse claims. Ryan 's trust and estate litigation experience includes multiple, successful bench trials.

In re Doris M. Young Revocable Living Trust, Clackamas County Circuit Court — After Ms. Young amended her trust, many of her family members claimed that she was improperly influenced to do so. The family agreed to appoint a neutral, successor trustee, and Ryan represented the successor trustee. Ryan and the successor trustee determined that Ms. Young intended to amend her trust and that the amendment should be enforced. After a bench trial, the court agreed. See the court's opinion [here](#).

Insurance Coverage Litigation — Frequently, insurers do not pay for covered losses. When this happens, Ryan advocates for his clients to receive the insurance benefits that they are entitled to.

Swickard Corp v. 21st Century Pacific Insurance Company, Clackamas County Circuit Court — The insurer interpreted the insurance policy to benefit its interests, but Ryan determined that there was another interpretation that benefitted his client. The court agreed that the insurance policy could be construed multiple ways and construed it in Tonkon Torp's client's favor. See the court's opinion [here](#). At trial, the court awarded the client full coverage for its losses, including prejudgment interest. See the court's opinion [here](#). After trial, the court awarded the client attorney fees and costs and multiplied the attorney fee award by 150 percent. See the court's opinion [here](#).

