RYAN M. LAWRENCE

Attorney, Shareholder



Ryan is a passionate advocate who stands ready to pursue and defend his clients' rights whenever they need him. He has successfully represented clients across multiple economic sectors, including healthcare, technology, energy, entertainment, transportation and logistics, and real estate. He has pursued and defended claims for breach of contract, employment, trade secret, consumer and securities fraud, and shareholder matters, among others. Ryan practices in both state and federal court and has experience litigating everything from discrete, two-party disputes to class actions and multidistrict litigation.

Ryan appreciates that the best legal counseling combines passionate advocacy with objectivity and a grounded perspective. Ryan's thoughtful analysis, calculated approach and calm demeanor give him the ability to distill complex legal concepts into language that juries, judges, and arbitrators can easily understand. Indeed, Ryan's passion for trial work comes naturally. Prior to law school, he was a successful high school and collegiate debater and a nationally recognized debate coach. Ryan uses those skills to help his clients achieve efficient, cost-effective results at all stages of litigation.

Before joining the firm in 2017, Ryan practiced in the commercial litigation group at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago, Illinois.

EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, University of Minnesota Law School
B.A., University of California, Berkeley

ADMISSIONS

- State of Minnesota
- State of Illinois
- Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District of Minnesota
- U.S. District of Colorado
- U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Waiving the Right to Arbitrate Becomes Easier, Minnesota Lawyer and Finance & Commerce Partner Content, June 2022
- COVID-19, Commercial Leases, and Force Majeure, Minnesota Lawyer and Finance & Commerce Partner Content, July 2020
- Lessons from Competitive Debate, Minnesota Lawyer – Partner Content, November 2018
- Suing the Lawyers Gets Easier, Minnesota Lawyer – Partner Content, February 2018

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AWARDS & HONORS

- Selected to the "Minnesota Rising Stars" list by Super Lawyers, 2022-2026
- Named a 2024 Up & Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer

- Member of trial team that obtained the largest jury verdict in Minnesota history on behalf of Trustee Douglas A. Kelley in Kelley v. BMO Harris Bank, N.A. The jury determined that BMO Harris Bank aided and abetted breaches of fiduciary duty by Tom Petters and his co-conspirators in connection with a massive Ponzi scheme and awarded the Trustee $563 million, including $79.5 million in punitive damages.
- Obtained a preliminary injunction on behalf of a national healthcare company seeking to enforce restrictive covenants contained in its agreements with a physician practice group.
- Represented pharmaceutical company seeking to hold its bank liable under Article 4 of the UCC for the improper transfer of over $39 million sent through foreign currency wire transfers in connection with a cybercrime attack. After Anthony Ostlund defeated the bank's motion for summary judgment, the matter was confidentially settled before trial.
- Successfully resolved shareholder dispute in favor of the majority owners of a national water treatment company, reaching a favorable buy-out agreement during the pendency of litigation.
- Represented the debtors in bankruptcy litigation in which unsecured creditors asserted derivative claims totaling over $2 billion. After a three-week trial, the court denied the creditors' motions to pursue the claims and the debtors were able to secure plan confirmation.

- When the Lawyers Do the Lying, Cheating, and Stealing, Lying, Cheating, & Stealing Seminar 2026, October 2026
- *Criminals, Bankers, and Document Destruction: The Aiding and Abetting that Led To a $1 Billion Dollar Judgment and the Biggest Jury Verdict in Minnesota History*, Lying, Cheating & Stealing Seminar 2023, October 4, 2023