RYAN P. DOWNES

Attorney



Ryan is a strong advocate committed to exceeding his clients' expectations. Ryan balances zealous legal representation with sound business acumen. Ryan represents clients of all types in litigation involving shareholder disputes, breach of contract, employment, fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, trust disputes, and other business torts. Ryan's diligence in all facets of litigation--including discovery, motion practice, negotiation, arbitration, and trial--enable him to deliver positive outcomes for clients. Ryan's easy-to-talk-to demeanor not only makes his clients feel comfortable but enables judges and juries to quickly gain a sense of trust.

During law school, Ryan was a competitor on the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team. This experience allowed him to sharpen his oral advocacy skills and argue cases against teams at the international level. In addition, Ryan served as a certified student attorney for the Criminal and Juvenile Defense Clinic—invaluable experience that enabled him to manage his own caseload from start to finish. Ryan was awarded the Dean's award (denoting the highest overall grade in the course) in Torts, Client Interviewing & Counseling, and Professional Responsibility.

EDUCATION

JD, cum laude, University of St. Thomas School of Law,
B.B.A., University of St. Thomas, Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, minor in German.

ADMISSIONS

State of Minnesota
U.S. District of Minnesota
U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

PUBLICATIONS

- The 'Privilege' of AI Use in the Legal Profession, Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce, June 22, 2026
- MBCA Proposed Emergency Powers and Their Effect on Shareholders, Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, March 17, 2025
- Think you've got a slam-dunk case of shareholder oppression? Hold my beer. Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, April 8, 2024
- Expert Affidavits in Attorney-Client Disputes – Are They Required? Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, April 10, 2023

RESULTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- When the Lawyers Do the Lying, Cheating, and Stealing, Lying, Cheating, and Stealing Seminar 2026, October 2026

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