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Ryan's background as an assistant U.S. attorney for more than a decade, where he prosecuted cases involving the FCPA, extortion, securities fraud, tax fraud, and more, equips him with a unique perspective, and his frequent representation of the U.S. in numerous jury trials and appeals showcases his litigation prowess.

OVERVIEW

Ryan represents corporations and individuals in criminal and civil enforcement matters conducted by U.S. attorney's offices, the Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

With extensive experience in white collar investigations, litigation, trials, and appeals, Ryan assists clients facing health care fraud, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violations, federal grant fraud, and financial fraud investigations and litigation. He also provides guidance on compliance matters.

Ryan's clients span a wide variety of industries, including health care, life sciences, finance, education, pharmaceuticals, energy, technology, and gaming.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented one of the largest pharmaceutical and medical device distributors in the U.S. in a DOJ investigation and related whistleblower cases concerning alleged violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act and resolved the matter through a settlement.
- Represented an orphan drug company in a DOJ investigation concerning alleged violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute, False Claims Act, and Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
- Represented the former president of a large multinational corporation in a criminal case that involved alleged FCPA violations.
- Represented a large multinational company in a joint DOJ/SEC investigation concerning alleged FCPA violations.
- Represented clients in investigations and enforcement actions regarding alleged state and federal labor law violations, issues concerning hiring practices, and potential identity theft.
- Represented the CEO of a health care company in an accounting fraud investigation conducted by the SEC.
- Represented an individual and two universities concerning the "Operation Varsity Blues" college admissions

fraud investigation and case.

- Represented a university professor in an investigation concerning DOJ's China Initiative.
- Represented an individual in a criminal case concerning construction work performed on Boston's "Big Dig" project.
- Led several independent investigations into sexual misconduct at elite private schools.

AWARDS

- *Chambers USA*: Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, Massachusetts (2024-2025)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2025-2026) and Privacy and Data Security Law (2024-2026)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
- Securities Litigation
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Appellate + Supreme Court
- False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
- Government + Regulatory
- Litigation + Trial
- Privacy + Cyber
- Securities Litigation
- State Attorneys General
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant U.S. attorney (AUSA), Boston U.S. Attorney's Office
- Victim rights legal advisor, Boston U.S. Attorney's Office

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Duke University School of Law, J.D., 2002
- Allegheny College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1999

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Corporations Under Fire: Navigating Investigations in the New Era of Enforcement,” ACC Northeast, June 3, 2025.
- Speaker, Boston Bar Association White-Collar Crime Conference, May 8, 2025.
- Speaker, “Hands Off My Phone! Personal Device Requests in Government Investigations,” Boston Bar Association, February 27, 2025.
- Moderator, “Navigating Cutting-Edge Issues in Corporate Cooperation,” Boston Bar Association Annual White-Collar Crime Conference, May 2024.
- Speaker, “Navigating Crisis and Uncertainty – Surviving Internal Investigations,” ACC, May 2024.
- Moderator, “Hot Topics In Criminal Discovery,” Boston Bar Association Annual White-Collar Crime Conference, January 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “The False Claims Act Enters the School Zone,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 23, 2025.
- Co-author, “DOJ’s Criminal Division Announces Updates to White-Collar Enforcement and Corporate Policies,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 15, 2025.
- Co-author, “DOJ Will Use Compulsory Legal Process to Compel Production of Information From News Media Following Recent Update to Policy,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 2, 2025.
- Co-author, “Making Compliance Your New Year’s Resolution,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, January 10, 2025.
- Author, “The Beginning of the End for False Claims Act Qui Tam Cases?,” *Locke Lord QuickStudy*, October 4, 2024.