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Ryan is trusted to resolve his clients' most difficult and high-stakes disputes, combining his litigation experience with strategic, practical advice on contract negotiation, project management, and dispute avoidance.

OVERVIEW

Ryan represents clients in each stage of the construction process, with a focus on mass transit systems and heavy industrial and commercial projects. His experience includes contract drafting and negotiation, procurement, project counseling, risk mitigation, dispute avoidance, and formal dispute resolution. Ryan has represented clients on projects valued from \$1 million to more than \$1 billion, and has handled disputes in a wide array of venues, including federal and state court, the U.S. Board of Claims, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, and both domestic and international arbitration.

Ryan is a regular author in the field of construction litigation and arbitration. He also maintains an active pro bono practice, and currently serves as an ambassador for the Philadelphia office.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a rail car manufacturer in a dispute concerning the operation and maintenance of train sets for a significant mass transit system serving the northeast corridor.
- Represented a signaling supplier in an arbitration arising out of the retrofit of rail cars with Positive Train Control.
- Represented a rail car manufacturer in a dispute concerning the supply of train sets to a mass transit agency.
- Represented a national energy provider regarding the implementation of clean energy initiatives for the U.S. government and the associated debt service obligations over a 19+ year period.
- Represented a consortium of construction and engineering firms in international arbitration regarding the design-build of a multibillion-dollar light rail project.
- Served as trial counsel for a nationwide roof management company in a dispute concerning multiple state-funded transportation centers.
- counseled a technology solutions provider throughout the public bidding process for new fare collections system.
- Represented an engineering firm regarding the development of a water treatment facility for one of the nation's most contaminated superfund sites.

- Represented a general contractor regarding the construction of luxury apartment community.
- counseled a client regarding allegations of trade secret appropriation in connection with multiple wind farm projects.
- counseled a design-build client on delay, disruption, and differing site conditions claims related to a military project in Micronesia.
- Drafted and negotiated numerous contracts for construction industry clients (owners, developers, contractors, and subcontractors), as well as nationwide clean energy suppliers, pharmaceutical firms, biotech companies, technology service providers, manufacturing companies, and universities.
- Represented an owner of a stone quarry in claims against tenant for breach of contract arising out of tenant's purchase of aggregate from facility.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Construction Law (2026)*

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction
- Construction Litigation
- International Construction Projects

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction
- Construction Litigation
- Energy Construction
- Government Contracts
- International Arbitration
- International Construction Projects
- Litigation + Trial
- Public-Private Partnerships

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 2018, editor, *Environmental Law Journal*
- Tulane University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2012, psychology, Phi Beta Kappa

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “No-Damage-For-Delay Provisions and Lien Waivers Remain Enforceable — and Valuable — in New York,” *ConstructLaw*, October 20, 2022.
- Author, “New York Appellate Court Affirms Decision to Deny Motion to Compel Arbitration in Multi-Billion Dollar Construction Dispute,” *ConstructLaw*, August 30, 2019.
- Author, “Georgia’s Supreme Court Re-Affirms The Acceptance Doctrine,” *ConstructLaw*, July 18, 2019.
- Author, “Alaska’s Supreme Court Holds That Executing a Settlement Agreement Releases Parties from Contractual Obligation to Arbitrate Disputes,” *ConstructLaw*, May 7, 2019.
- Author, “Adopting AAA Rules To Govern Arbitration Proceedings May – Or May Not – Allow U.S. Arbitrators To Decide Gateway Questions Of Arbitrability,” *AGC Law in Brief*, March 1, 2019.
- Author, “Ninth Circuit Finds Arbitration Award Is ‘Irrational’ Because It Disregards The Contract’s Plain Text Simply To Reach A Just Result,” *ConstructLaw*, February 28, 2019.
- Author, “Increased Reporting Requirements for Contractors – Even if All Claims Are Settled,” *JD Supra*, February 1, 2019.
- Author, “Parties Must Proceed To Arbitration Despite Unavailability Of Arbitration Forum Specifically Named In The Contract,” *ConstructLaw*, December 2018.