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PROFILE

Ryan is a nationally recognized trial lawyer who focuses on high-stakes intellectual property disputes. Clients praise his “exceptional commitment and ability to understand our technology and patents” while noting that he “cared as much about our case as we did.” Ryan often resolves cases before trial, but excels in the courtroom. One judge commented, following a nine-figure jury verdict for his client, that Ryan and his team were “at the very pinnacle” of the profession, “as good, if not the best, that I’ve had the privilege of having in my court.”

As co-leader of the firm’s patent litigation practice, Ryan regularly represents both plaintiffs and defendants in “bet the company” litigation. For plaintiffs, he has secured well over \$1 billion in verdicts and settlements, and he has defeated hundreds of millions in claims for his defense clients. A registered patent attorney, Ryan is frequently tapped to handle appeals as well as proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. He advises companies on telecom, computing, semiconductor, industrial, and medical technologies.

Before law school, Ryan worked for a robotics engineering firm and was a National Merit Scholar at Washington University in St. Louis, where he studied physics.

Admitted to practice in Missouri only; practice in the District of Columbia limited to proceedings in federal courts and agencies.

EXPERIENCE

Ryan’s representative matters include:



PRACTICES

Intellectual Property
Antitrust and Competition
Patent Litigation
Copyright, Trademarks, and Trade Secrets
Anticounterfeiting Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law, J.D.,
magna cum laude; UMKC Law Review; Moot Court Board
Washington University in St. Louis, B.A., Physics

ADMISSIONS

Bars

Missouri
U.S. District Court: Eastern District of Missouri
U.S. District Court: Western District of Missouri
U.S. Court of Appeals: Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals: Eighth Circuit
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
U.S. District Court: Eastern District of Texas

AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America (2025)
Law360 Legal Lion (2017-2018, 2023)

- Trial counsel for a software startup in a multipatent dispute against an internet search giant on video streaming technology; jury awarded \$339 million in damages
- Trial counsel for a leading telecommunications company in VoIP technology case, obtaining a jury verdict of \$140 million; affirmed by the Federal Circuit
- Trial counsel for a software development company seeking \$525 million in patent damages against a multinational media and communications conglomerate; secured a settlement just before closing arguments
- Trial counsel for a health informatics company in a declaratory judgment action regarding medical devices; obtained a jury verdict of invalidity and non-infringement of all asserted patents and no theft of trade secrets; affirmed by the Federal Circuit
- Trial counsel defending SaaS startup against allegations of copyright infringement, computer hacking, breach of contract, tortious interference, and unfair competition; all non-copyright claims were defeated, with copyright infringement determined by the jury to be innocent
- Trial counsel for an international plastics manufacturer in a multipatent dispute regarding flame mitigation technology; secured a jury verdict of non-infringement for all asserted claims
- Lead counsel defending a patent dispute involving LED heat dissipation technology brought by global industrial conglomerate; obtained summary judgment of invalidity of all asserted patents under 35 U.S.C. § 112; affirmed by the Federal Circuit
- Lead counsel for a manufacturing company asserting patent infringement for industrial drainage technology; defeated institution of inter partes review leading to a favorable settlement
- Lead counsel defending a lighting manufacturer against patent suit regarding LED chip layers; obtained summary judgment disposing of all asserted claims
- Lead counsel for a multinational logistics company accused of infringing patents covering telecommunications protocols; invalidated all asserted claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101
- Lead counsel for Fortune 100 company in a patent dispute involving NFC payment technology; secured dismissal of all claims
- Lead counsel in a patent dispute for supply chain management company involving QR codes; obtained dismissal of all claims at pleadings stage
- Lead counsel for international courier in patent dispute regarding networking and encryption technology; obtained dismissal of all claims at pleadings stage

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Intellectual Property Owners Association

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

- Lead counsel for a telecommunications company defending infringement allegations relating to networking security protocols; obtained invalidity of four patents under 35 U.S.C. § 101

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Perspectives

Co-author, **No Sea Change in Patent Damages – For Now** (May 2025)

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