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Overview

Ryan is an associate in the firm's Catastrophic Loss, Commercial Litigation, Construction, and Products Liability practice groups.

Prior to joining Meagher + Geer, Ryan practiced law in the area of medical malpractice defense at a law firm in St. Cloud. He also served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Marta M. Chou of the Fourth Judicial District. Ryan is also actively involved with the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, having written articles for its quarterly publication, *Minnesota Defense*, and most recently serving as Co-Chief Editor on its Editorial Committee. Additionally, Ryan plays an active role in the Hennepin County Bar Association's New Lawyers Section, where he currently serves as Co-Director of Membership Engagement, having previously served as Communications Director and CLE Director.

Ryan earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of St. Thomas School of Law. During law school, Ryan was a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Heidi S. Schellhas at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Additionally, he served as an Associate Editor and Articles Editor of the *St. Thomas Law Journal*, a Writing Fellow for the first-year legal writing course, and he represented clients through St. Thomas' Bankruptcy Litigation Clinic and Nonprofit Clinic. Ryan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies with a certificate in Religious Studies from the University of Wisconsin.

Outside the office, Ryan spends his time hiking, camping, paddle boarding, playing board games, cheering on the Minnesota Vikings, and anxiously watching to see who gets voted out on the latest episode of Survivor.

Education

- ◆ University of St. Thomas School of Law, *cum laude*, J.D., 2020
- ◆ University of Wisconsin - Madison, B.S., 2012

Judicial Clerkships

Services

- ◆ Commercial Litigation
- ◆ Products Liability
- ◆ Catastrophic Loss
- ◆ Construction

State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 2020
- ◆ Montana, 2023
- ◆ Iowa, 2023
- ◆ Wisconsin, 2025

Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States District Court, Southern District of Iowa, 2024
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 2021
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Montana, 2023
- ◆ United States District Court, District of North Dakota, 2023
- ◆ United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 2023

- ◆ Law Clerk to the Honorable Marta M. Chou, Fourth Judicial District Court of Minnesota, April 2020 – March 2021
- ◆ Judicial Extern for the Honorable Heidi S. Schellhas, Minnesota Court of Appeals, May 2018 – July 2018

Experience

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
 - ◇ New Lawyers Section, Co-Director of Membership Engagement, 2025-Present
 - ◇ New Lawyers Section, CLE Director, 2024-2025
 - ◇ New Lawyers Section, Communications Director, 2023-2024
- ◆ Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
 - ◇ Co-Chief Editor, Minnesota Defense magazine, 2024-Present
 - ◇ Editorial Committee, Associate Editor, 2022-2024

Notable

Publications

- ◆ Author, [*The Design Defect in Products Liability Laws: Over-Exposure of Non-Manufacturer Designers.*](#) 45 Defense (Spring 2024)
- ◆ Author, [*Under \(Peer\) Pressure: A Breakdown of Minnesota’s Peer Review Statute.*](#) 42 Defense (Winter 2023)
- ◆ Author, *Warren v. Dinter: Physician-Patient Relationship is Unnecessary to Establish Duty in Malpractice Claims against Medical Providers*, 41 Defense (Winter 2021)
- ◆ Author, *HIPPA, Katz, and the Privacy Gap*, 24 J. Health Care L. & Pol’y 203 (2021)

Presentations

- ◆ Co-presenter, Hey ChatGPT Come Up With a Title for A Seminar to Lawyers About Using AI In Insurance Defense Practice, MDLA Mid-Winter Conference (January 24, 2025)
- ◆ Co-presenter, The COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate: What Employers (and their Attorneys) Should Know, MDLA Mid-Winter Conference (April 8, 2022)