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- *Best Lawyers*

Ryan Roman’s practice focuses on protecting his clients in complex, high stakes commercial litigation, arbitration, and trial work. A versatile litigator, courtroom strategist, and entrepreneur, Ryan represents large, sophisticated companies, private equity firms and their portfolio companies, and directors and officers of public companies, in business disputes, business torts, private equity litigation, securities defense, consumer class actions, antitrust litigation, and wrongful death suits. His depth of experience spans numerous key sectors, including banking, media, consumer goods, transportation, hospitality, and automotive, among others. He routinely tries cases in federal and state courts throughout the United States.

Ryan is also the co-owner of Mignonette, an oyster bar in Miami. As a restaurateur, Ryan is immersed in the industry and its legal nuances. He regularly represents restaurants, food and beverage operators and distributors, and other hospitality companies in

Areas of Experience

Litigation
 Private Equity Litigation
 Antitrust and Trade Regulation
 Class Action Defense
 Restaurant
 Securities Litigation
 Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability
 Financial Services
 Sports and Entertainment Law

Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 2006
 B.A., Amherst College, 2003, cum laude; with distinction

Admissions

Bars

Florida
 District of Columbia

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
 U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

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business disputes including contractual, partnership, and leasing disputes, as well as restrictive covenant litigation.

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Notable Work

Airline: Represented an airline and airline parts manufacturer in anonymous whistleblower investigations.

Alcohol: Represented a craft spirit company in Delaware Chancery Court in a specific performance action to enforce agreement to purchase bourbon whiskey brand despite seller's remorse.

Automotive: Represent an automotive client in matters relating to a multidistrict automotive parts antitrust (price fixing) class action pending in the Eastern District of Michigan.

Automotive: Represented a vehicle leasing company in a variety of actions, including Telephone Consumer Protection Act lawsuits and the defense of an action brought under 42 U.S.C. s 1983 and subsequent appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Banking: Represent a wealth management firm with respect to a FINRA dispute arising out of allegations of elder exploitation.

Consumer Electronics: Represent a Fortune 1000 public company and its subsidiary in multiple matters emanating from whistleblower allegations of corporate fraud and corruption.

Government: Represented a foreign government official in the defense of an action brought under 42 U.S.C. s 1983.

Grocer: Represented a large regional grocer in bringing multibillion dollar antitrust and related tort and contract claims in the District of Delaware arising out of government-mandated divestiture of grocery stores.

Healthcare Private Equity: Represented a healthcare private equity firm in an arbitration arising out of the sale of one of its portfolio companies, including defense of fraud claims and disputes over earn-out payments and net working capital.

Higher Education: Represented a medical school in lawsuit brought by dismissed student alleging claims for fraud and unfair business practices arising from school's advertised attrition rate.

Higher Education: Represent a medical school in a lawsuit brought by a dismissed student alleging claims for failure to accommodate a disability and fraud.

Internet Technology: Represented an internet news organization seeking injunctive relief against former employees charged with violating non-compete agreements.

Lodging: Represented a public vacation ownership (timeshare) company in the defense of multijurisdiction state-court class actions.

Media: Represent a Fortune 500 media company with respect to defamation claims brought against the company's subsidiaries.

Pharmaceutical, Healthcare, Sporting and Vacation: Represented pharmaceutical companies, a pediatric services company, a physician services company and a sports memorabilia company,

among others, in defenses of shareholder class actions seeking to enjoin going private transactions.

Restaurant: Represented shareholders in restaurant ventures in disputes over ownership interest and buy-sell agreement.

Staffing: Represented a staffing company in a securities class action filed in Denver federal court emanating from a \$50 million Ponzi scheme.

Tobacco: Represented a large cigar manufacturer in defending \$70 million antitrust and related tort and contract claims in the Central District of California.

Tobacco: Represented a vaping device company affiliated with a large cigar manufacturer in the defense of breach of contract and fraud claims involving an exclusive distribution agreement, as well as the prosecution of counterclaims against the contracting party.

Tobacco: Represent a large cigar manufacturer in a trademark dispute regarding a family of valuable marks.

Published Work and Lectures

- *Law360*, Co-Author, “Fla. Business Judgment Ruling May Benefit US Country Clubs,” September 24, 2021
- *Bloomberg Law*, Co-Author, “Steps to Prevent Costly Post-Sale Working Capital Shortfall Disputes,” February 20, 2020

Affiliations

- LGBT Bar Association, Member
- Federal Bar Association, South Florida Chapter, Board Member, 2018-2019
- Common Threads-Miami Chapter, Advisory Council Member, 2007-2013
- Leadership Miami, Class of 2010-2011

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2025, Listed in Florida for Commercial Litigation
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2025, Listed in Florida as a “Future Star”
- *Lawdragon* 500, 2025, Listed as One of the Leading Litigators in America for Complex Commercial, Private Equity Litigation
- *Daily Business Review*, 2017, Recognized as a “Most Effective Lawyer” for Business/Complex Litigation
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016, 2018-2019, 2021, Listed in Florida on the “40 & Under Hot List”
- *Daily Business Review*, 2015-2016, Recognized as a South Florida lawyer “Rising Star”
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2011-2020, Listed in Florida as a “Rising Star” for Business Litigation