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“I recognize that each client has individualized goals and believe that the only way to understand those goals is to listen. I try to create value by approaching each matter with the same objective: providing a seamless client experience and achieving cost-effective resolutions that leave clients satisfied.”

Ryan Hall’s practice focuses on representing clients in commercial construction litigation and policyholders with insurance-related issues, including insurance recovery. In his construction practice, Ryan represents owners, contractors, and public entities and regularly litigates breach of contract, construction lien foreclosure, and construction defect claims. Ryan advises commercial policyholders on a variety of insurance issues, including contractual insurance provisions, claim disputes, additional insured issues, insurance recovery, and insurance applications and renewals. Ryan has represented policyholders in complex coverage disputes throughout Oregon and Washington and has secured payment of policy benefits under commercial general liability (CGL), property, and builder’s risk policies.

In addition to his litigation background, Ryan is experienced in negotiating and drafting construction contracts, and entity formation. Ryan takes time to understand his clients’ businesses and is committed to providing thoughtful, client-centric guidance.

Prior to joining Miller Nash, Ryan practiced civil litigation and commercial law in Dallas, Texas.

Professional Activities

- Oregon State Bar
 - Construction Law Section, 2019-present
 - Litigation Section, 2019-present
- Oregon Gay and Lesbian Law Association (OGALLA), 2019-present
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC), 2019-present
- Multnomah Bar Association, 2019-present

Education

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2015

- Order of the Coif
- Managing Board Member, 2014-2015; Staff Editor, 2013-2014, *Oregon Law Review*

B.S., Texas Tech University, *magna cum laude*, business administration and management, 2012

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2015
 Washington, 2020
 Illinois, 2019
 Texas, 2016

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2019

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2018

- American Bar Association, member, 2016-present
 - Forum on Construction Law, 2019-present
 - Section of Litigation, 2020-present
- Dallas Bar Association, 2016-present
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, 2016-present
- Tarrant County Bar Association, 2018-present

Civic Activities

- Oregon Pride in Business, Member

Representative Experience

Construction Litigation

- Represents construction contractor in lawsuit against municipal entity for unpaid compensation on public works project (ongoing).
- Guided healthcare system through forensic research, repair contracting, preservation of evidence, forensic expert reports, negotiations, and arbitration proceedings for damage claims against the general contractor and subcontractors that improperly performed exterior envelope, plumbing, electrical, and roof work to construct a new hospital for behavioral health patients and required specialty facilities. The entire exterior envelope had to be removed and replaced, together with removal and re-installation of all windows, while the hospital was occupied. Prepared, documented, and asserted claims to recover the owner's damages after repairs were complete. Achieved a successful, multimillion dollar recovery of a substantial majority of the owner's losses following extensive discovery, depositions, arbitration proceedings, and mediation.
- Represented public school district in lawsuit brought by construction contractor claiming breach of contract and violation of Oregon's Prompt Pay Act. The parties settled the lawsuit on terms favorable to the school district.
- Obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of an Oregon homeowner in private arbitration against a residential construction contractor. The homeowner's claims included breach of contract, fraud, and unlawful trade practices.

Construction Contracts

- Assisted a local nonprofit in negotiating multilateral construction and property agreements in connection with a complex renovation project in downtown Portland.
- Advises Washington-based health care system in contract negotiations with multinational construction company concerning the construction of new hospital facilities in downtown Seattle (ongoing).

Publications

- "Insurance Costs in Post-Moody World," *Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association Magazine*, author (Autumn 2024)
- "The Initial Impact of Moody? More Confusion.," Miller Nash, *The Northwest Policyholder* (Sept. 2024)
- "What Happened to Executive Order 14042? An Update on President Biden's Contractor Vaccine Mandate," Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Feb. 2023)
- "Managing Risk: What's Old, What's New," *Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association Magazine*, coauthor (Autumn 2022)
- "Shared Savings Clauses: Contracting for Cooperation Rather Than Confrontation," Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (July 2022)
- "Construction Industry Groups Voice Frustration Over President Biden's Pro-Labor Executive Order," Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up* (Feb. 2022)

- “Washington Agreements Attempting to ‘Buy Back’ Insurance Policies after Loss Invalidated,” Miller Nash, *The Northwest Policyholder* (Sept. 2021)
- “New Additional Insured Form Gets its First Test in Court: How to Avoid the Pitfalls,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The Northwest Policyholder* (Feb. 2021)
- “Oregon’s Home Solicitation Sales Act: The Perils for Residential Contractors,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *From the Ground Up* (Feb. 2021)
- “Top 5 Pointers for Documenting Change Orders,” National Association of Minority Contractors Oregon, *NAMC-Oregon Newsletter*, coauthor (Mar. 2020)

Presentations

- “Diversity and Justice in the Construction Industry (Panel Discussion),” Oregon State Bar, Empowering Diversity and Enhancing Justice in the Construction Industry CLE (Oct. 2023)
- “Insurance Applications: Best Practices and the Consequences of Missteps,” Miller Nash, Insurance Webinar Series (May 2023)
- “Annual Construction Case Law Update,” Oregon State Bar, Construction Law Section, Issue Spotting for Construction Lawyers CLE, copresenter (Oct. 2022)
- “When Ignorance Isn’t Bliss...,” The Seminar Group, Oregon Construction Law (Sept. 2022)
- “Washington and Oregon Legal Update: New World, New Risks,” Oregon RIMS (Risk and Insurance Management Society) Education Day, panelist (June 2022)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*[®] (Portland, OR)
 - Commercial Litigation, 2024-present
 - Construction Law, 2024-present
 - Insurance Law, 2024-present
 - Litigation—Construction, 2024-present
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2022-present

Personal Activities

When Ryan is not training for his next marathon, he enjoys trivia competitions, reading, watching true crime documentaries, and traveling to new and exotic locations.