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### **EDUCATION**

J.D..

George Washington University School of Law (2014)

M.S., University of Texas at Austin (2007)

B.A., Occidental College (2001)

## **COURT ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia

Maryland

Texas

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

U.S. District Court, S.D. Texas

U.S. District Court, W.D. Texas

# Ryan Sullivan

Counsel | Austin

Ryan Sullivan, Counsel in Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg's Austin office, is a highly skilled litigator focusing on complex commercial litigation. With nearly a decade of experience, Ryan has successfully second-chaired trials in both state and federal court. He has litigated a broad range of commercial disputes, including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, shareholder litigation, misappropriation of trade secrets, deceptive trade practices, and business disparagement, among others. For both plaintiffs and defendants, Ryan develops creative litigation strategies that serve clients' goals.

Ryan graduated from the George Washington University School of Law and brings a diverse background to his legal career. Prior to practicing law, he earned a Master's degree in urban planning and served as a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), where he provided his expertise in grant programs for community development, affordable housing, homeless assistance, and neighborhood revitalization.

In addition to his practice, Ryan serves on the board of directors of the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving children affected by the loss of a loved one.

## Representative Matters

- In a shareholder derivative suit, obtained dismissal of all shareholder claims
  against his clients, officers and directors of a certified B Corporation that
  manufactures, distributes, and sells reusable storage bags. As part of dismissal,
  the Court entered an award of attorneys' fees and sanctions against the
  shareholders.
- Obtained a directed verdict for a Texas-based federal credit union at trial in a tortious interference action.
- In a breach-of-contract action against a Texas-based real-estate developer, successfully argued for "death-penalty" sanctions for the defendant's failure to comply with discovery obligations. As a result, the Court struck the defendant's pleadings and entered default judgment in favor of the client.
- Moved to dismiss a medical practice's claims of breach of contract, breach of
  warranty, and unjust enrichment against his client, a manufacturer of surgical
  guidance systems for spinal and brain surgery. The Court granted the motion,
  resulting in complete dismissal of all claims against the client.
- Successfully defended a roofing company in commercial arbitration, defeating the plaintiff's claims of breach of contract, fraud, negligence, and deceptive trade practices.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for his pro bono client—a victim of prison sexual assault—in federal court claims against a Texas county and its sheriff's office.
- Successfully appealed the Anti-SLAPP dismissal of a dental consulting firm's petition in a business-disparagement action.



#### RYAN SULLIVAN

## Rankings & Honors

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America in Commercial Litigation (2022-2024)
- Texas Super Lawyers® Rising Stars List, 2018–2023
- "The Top 50 Attorneys of San Antonio for 2022," Attorney Intel

### **Publications**

- "Questions Linger Over Texas Business Court's Jurisdiction," Law360 (November 21, 2023)
- Should You Reconsider Your Motion to Reconsider? Defense Research Institute (DRI) (2015)
- Tort Law Desk Reference: A Fifty State Compendium, Co-Editor of Maryland Chapter (2015)
- "Apparent But Not Obvious: A Managed Care Organization's Liability under Apparent Agency," Inside Medical Liability (2014)
- Fourth Circuit Report: Medical Monitoring Class Action Thwarted by Daubert Inquiry at Certification Stage, Defense Research Institute (DRI) (2015)

