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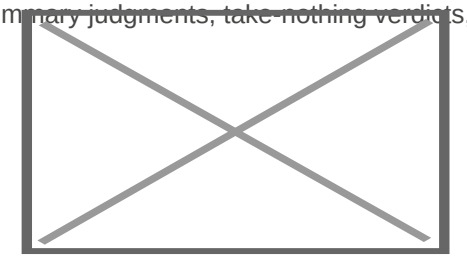
Overview

Ryan is an experienced trial lawyer, having taken cases through final verdict almost every year he has been in practice. In 2020, Ryan, as plaintiff trial counsel, tried a breach-of-fiduciary-duty case and received a verdict in excess of 40 million dollars, which, at the time was the largest private-plaintiff verdict in 20 years and the 2nd largest judgement for a private plaintiff in the history of Travis County, and is among the Top 100 Verdicts of 2021 as reported by The National Law Journal. After extensive post-judgment proceedings that included contempt proceedings and court-ordered civil confinement, the matter was resolved by mutual agreement without admission of liability by any party.

Ryan is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, as well as Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the National Board of Trial Advocates. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL), as well as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He was recognized in 2016 as the Baylor Young Lawyer of the Year, and in 2013 as Austin's Outstanding Young Lawyer of The Year.

Ryan represents clients on both sides of the docket in complex business litigation, product-liability, business divorces, professional malpractice, fiduciary duty and wrongful death/personal injury claims. Ryan has taken many cases through final verdict as lead attorney including jury trials, bench trials, and binding arbitrations. He has also secured favorable outcomes for his defense clients through pre-trial summary judgments, take-nothing verdicts, and settlements.





Experience

TRIAL EXPERIENCE

Business Disputes, Legal Malpractice and Fiduciary Duty

2021 – Plaintiff trial counsel in two-week jury trial of fiduciary-duty case that resulted in a $40 million dollar verdict, the largest private-plaintiff verdict in Travis county in 20 years at the time. Among the Top 100 Verdicts of 2021 as reported by The National Law Journal. Obtained temporary injunction, permanent injunction, and post-judgment injunctions to prevent dissipation of significant cryptocurrency holdings by defendant. After extensive post-judgment proceedings that included contempt proceedings and court-ordered civil confinement, the matter was resolved by mutual agreement without admission of liability by any party.

2014 – co-lead defense counsel in six-week jury trial of business dispute in Comal County District Court.

2012 – lead plaintiff attorney in jury trial of business dispute in Travis County District Court.

2012 – lead defense attorney in bench trial of legal-malpractice case in Federal Bankruptcy Court.

2011 – co-lead defense attorney in contested injunction hearing (employment) in Travis County.

2011 – co-lead defense attorney in contested injunction hearing (trade secrets) in Travis County.

2010 – co-lead defense attorney in jury trial of legal-malpractice case in Travis County District Court.

2008 – lead plaintiff attorney in final bench trial of harassment case in Bastrop County District Court.

2005 – co-lead defense attorney in jury trial of fiduciary-duty dispute in Travis County.

2005 – co-lead defense attorney in arbitration of fiduciary-duty dispute in Austin, Texas.

Personal Injury, Wrongful Death and Product Liability

2022 – co-lead plaintiff counsel in personal-injury jury trial in Hood County.

2017 – lead plaintiff attorney in personal-injury jury trial in McLennan County.

2016 – lead plaintiff attorney in personal-injury jury trial in McLennan County.

2012 – co-lead plaintiff attorney in jury trial of personal-injury case in Travis County District Court.

2011 – lead plaintiff attorney in jury trial of product-liability case (tire blowout) in Federal District Court.

2009 – lead plaintiff attorney in arbitration of construction-accident case in Austin, Texas.

2008 – lead plaintiff attorney in jury trial of wrongful-death case in Travis County District Court.

2007 – lead plaintiff attorney in jury trial of personal-injury case in Travis County District Court.

2006 – lead defense attorney in jury trial of personal-injury case in McLennan County District Court.

Individual and Family Disputes

2022 – co-lead counsel in contested bench trial regarding modification of divorce decree.

2016 – lead plaintiff attorney in civil-rights bench trial in Federal Court in Austin.

2013 – lead defense counsel in contested divorce bench trial in Travis County District Court.

2006 – lead plaintiff attorney in contested injunction hearing (property dispute) in Dewitt County.

Selected Reported Cases

Michels v. Zeifman, No. 03-08-00287-CV, 2009 WL 349167 (Tex. App.—Austin Feb 12, 2009, no pet.)

Elizondo v. Krist, No. 11-0438, 2013 WL 4608558 (Tex. Aug. 30, 2013)

City of Georgetown v. Lower Colorado River Authority, No. 03-12-00648-CV, 2013 WL 4516110 (Tex. App. – Austin Aug. 23, 2013, no pet.)

Awards

- Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL)
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates
- National ABOTA Board Representative for Austin ABOTA Chapter
- Member, Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum and Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Baylor Young Lawyer of the Year Award, 2016
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, by BL Rankings, 2026-2027
- Texas Super Lawyer, a Thomson Reuters business, Business Litigation, 2022-2026
- Texas Rising Star, a Thomson Reuters business, 2010 – 2017
- Recognized as Austin’s Outstanding Young Lawyer for 2013 by the Austin Young Lawyers Association
- Received the President’s Award of Merit for 2008 – 2009 from Austin Young Lawyers Association
- Executive Editor, Baylor Law Review
- Member, National Trial Competition Mock Trial Team
- Fraley & Fraley Mock Trial Award

Articles & Presentations

- Discovery in Fiduciary Litigation – State Bar CLE article
- Publicly Available Discovery – State Bar CLE article
- The Litigation Privilege – Baylor Law Review Online Supplement
- Protecting Client Confidences – State Bar CLE article

- Motions to Disqualify or Exclude Expert Witnesses – State Bar CLE article

News & Insights

- Ryan Squires becomes Austin-ABOTA National Board Representative
- SDM obtains record setting verdict in bitcoin case
- Congrats to our 2022 Texas Super Lawyers
- Ryan Squires achieves Board Certification in Civil Trial Law by the National Board of Trial Advocates.
- Court of Appeals affirms $29M Disgorgement in cryptocurrency lawsuit
- Congrats to our 2023 Texas Super Lawyers
- Congrats to our SDM 2024 Texas Super Lawyers
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Awards and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch® in America
- Congrats to our SDM 2025 Texas Super Lawyers
- Ryan Squires Inducted as Fellow of International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Awards and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch® in America
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Texas Super Lawyers®

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation & Torts
- Personal Injury & Products Liability
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
- Professional Malpractice, Licensing & Regulation
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation

Education

- University of Texas, BBA, 1999.
- Baylor University School of Law, with honors, 2004

Admissions

- Board Certified in Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2022
- Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2020
- State Bar of Texas
- United States Courts for the Western and Northern Districts of Texas
- United States Supreme Court

Activities

- Member, ABOTA
  - TEX-ABOTA Board Secretary, 2026
  - Austin ABOTA Chapter President, 2025
  - Austin Executive Committee, National ABOTA Board representative, 2024
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Member, Executive Committee of the Baylor Law Alumni Association
- Member, Texas Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, Austin Bar Association
- Member, Austin Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Calvert Chapter of the American Inns of Court
- Former Coach, University of Texas School of Law Mock Trial Team
- Founder, Austin Baylor Lawyer Network
- Community and Charitable Organizations: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church