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Ryan Botkin is a trial advocate and counselor for businesses and individuals. As a litigator, Ryan's practice focuses on trial and arbitration for plaintiffs and defendants in complex business disputes. Ryan has represented clients in a wide variety of businesses, from technology startups to Fortune 500 companies. Ryan handles matters in technology and IP licensing, corporate governance, e-commerce and digital media, financial services, software development, oil & gas, health care, private equity, construction, commercial contracts, business torts, campaign finance, and more.

Ryan's deep experience in contested business matters has also led many clients to retain him for risk counseling and strategic advice. As a counselor, Ryan advises large and small businesses, non-profits, and individuals about litigation risk, compliance and management, media relations, legislation, political issues, and strategic planning.

Ryan has been honored multiple times as a Texas Super Lawyer by Thompson Reuters, and is a former President of the Austin Federal Bar Association. From 2001 to 2016, Ryan practiced alongside famed Austin trial lawyer Shannon Ratliff and was a founding member of the Ratliff Law Firm in 2003. He started his career at Bracewell & Patterson and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

Education

- Univ. of Texas School of Law (JD 1995)
- Stanford University (BA 1991)

Bar & Court Admissions

- Texas, 1995
- Oklahoma, 2005 (presently inactive)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas

Professional Activities

- State Bar of Texas (Litigation, Computer and Technology Sections)
- Federal Bar Association (Austin Chapter President 2003-2004, Director 2000-2005); Austin Bar Association (Litigation Section)
- Texas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow, Nominating Committee); Austin Bar Foundation (Founding Life Fellow)
- State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee, District 9 (Chair 2016–present, Member 2014–present)
- Admissions Committee, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas (2005-present)
- Founding Member and Master, Lloyd Lochridge American Inn of Court (Executive Committee 2017-present)
- University of Texas Law Alumni Association (Exec. Comm. 2016-present); UT Law Class of 1995 Standing Committee Co-Chair
- Thompson Reuters Super Lawyer 2017, 2018, Rising Star 2004, 2005, 2009
- Founder and Secretary, Community for Civil and Family Courthouse PAC
- Stanford Associates (Stanford Alumni honorary organization; elected 2012)
- Frequent guest lecturer at UT Law School and presenter at CLE and professional education seminars