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Main Bio

Ryan J. Regula is a member of Snell & Wilmer's special litigation and compliance practice group.

Ryan represents publicly and privately held companies as well as government agencies and offices. Ryan's practice includes assisting clients with strategic counseling when facing complex regulatory issues, investigations, enforcements, and policy development. Ryan is also an experienced litigator who has tried cases in federal and state court, administrative proceedings, and before state public commissions.

Ryan's clients include those in environmental industries, the energy industry and energy commodity market, transportation, housing, and government contracting.

Ryan's environmental experience includes the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) program, the Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) program and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Ryan has also negotiated matters with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and has advised on rulemakings and the assumption of federally delegated programs.

Ryan's energy experience includes litigating matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and state public utilities in tariff disputes and cost allocation rate designs and providing strategic counseling regarding complex regulatory issues.

Ryan's transportation experience includes aviation, trucking, and maritime matters. Ryan is experienced representing carriers, brokers, and logistic companies manage risk and navigate the complexities of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Federal Motorist Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC).

Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Ryan was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arizona where he first- and second-chaired many of the State's highest profile environmental litigation matters. Ryan also has the unique distinction of assisting the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee evaluate the nomination of a current U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Ryan was a Division I student-athlete at two schools. He played football and track at the University of Pittsburgh for a year, where he was a member of the 2002 Insight Bowl Championship football team and a recipient of eight Panther Tooth helmet football stickers. At the University of Notre Dame, Ryan was a member of four Big East Conference Championship track and field teams and was twice named the men's track and field scholar-athlete of the year. In his free time, Ryan has coached track and field at Xavier College Preparatory Roman Catholic High School.

Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D.)
 - Law, Science and Technology Certificate in Intellectual Property
 - Saint Thomas More Society, President
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., English, *magna cum laude*)
 - Rhodes Scholar University Nominee
 - Marshall Scholar University Nominee
 - Sigma Tau Delta English National Honor Society
 - Big East Conference Track & Field Team Champion (Indoor & Outdoor)
 - Men's Track & Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- University of Pittsburgh
 - Insight Bowl Football Champion/Final Team Ranking #18 Coaches' Poll
 - Eight Panther Tooth Helmet Football Stickers

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Federalist Society, Phoenix Chapter (2017-present)
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section (2019)
- Cambria County Pennsylvania Local Rules of Procedure Committee (2014-2015)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[The Revocation of Florida's Clean Water Act 404 Permitting Program: What It Means Moving Forward in Light of SCOTUS' Recent Administrative Law Cases](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 4, 2024)
- "[Biden's LNG Export Permit Moratorium: Is It Really in the 'Public's Interest'?](#)" Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (February 20, 2024)
- "[A Constitutional Shakeup in Administrative Law? The Fifth Circuit's New Decision Revisits the Application of the Nondelegation Doctrine](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 21, 2022)
- "[Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Reinstates Vaccine Mandate for Businesses With 100 Employees](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (December 20, 2021)
- "[White House Extends COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Deadline for Federal Contractors](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (November 11, 2021)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Administrative/Regulatory Law (2021-2024)
- Attorney General Emerging Star Award for Civil Litigation (2016)
- Attorney General Team of the Year Award for Civil Litigation (2015)
- Attorney General Opinion Review Committee (2017-2019)

Community Involvement

- Xavier College Preparatory Roman Catholic High School, Assistant Track and Field Coach (2015-present)
- Mater Misericordiae Roman Catholic Church, Parish Finance Committee (2019)
- University of Notre Dame Club of Phoenix (2015-present)

Previous Professional Experience

- Arizona Attorney General's Office, Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Civil Litigation (2015-2019)
- Pennsylvania Trial Court Division, Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. Patrick T. Kiniry (2011-2015)
- Office of U.S. Senator Jon Kyl, Legal Extern for U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee (2009)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Columbia