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Services and sector groups

- Litigation
- Fiduciary Litigation

Ryan MacDonald is a commercial litigator who represents businesses, shareholders, and executives in disputes involving corporate control, contracts, and business torts. He has served as lead and co-counsel in high-stakes matters across Pennsylvania and in federal courts, securing multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements in shareholder, trade secret, and financial fraud cases.

In addition to his commercial practice, Ryan advises trustees, estates, and guardians in fiduciary and guardianship disputes before Pennsylvania's Orphans' Courts. His broader experience includes representing nonprofits, healthcare providers, and local businesses in regulatory and reimbursement disputes, charities investigations, and risk management counseling.

Prior to joining McNees, Ryan practiced with a Lancaster-based firm, in areas including healthcare and insurance law. As he began his legal career, Ryan clerked with the Honorable Aida Waserstein, State of Delaware Family Court.

Representative Experience:

- Lead counsel in a derivative action involving a minority shareholder alleging freeze-out and fiduciary breaches in a multimillion-dollar closely held corporation.
- Lead counsel in a derivative action on behalf of a limited liability company member, securing injunctive relief.
- Co-counsel in litigation involving multimillion-dollar municipal bond fraud, helping to secure a \$5 million settlement.
- Co-counsel in federal trade secret litigation, obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order and favorable settlement.
- Trial team member in a bench trial that resulted in a \$1.9 million verdict for a lender.
- Co-counsel in a will contest and related shareholder derivative action involving a multimillion-dollar corporation, achieving favorable settlements in both actions.
- Co-counsel in trademark and trade secret litigation that resolved through a pre-discovery settlement.
- Representation of a professional practice in a six-figure reimbursement dispute, resulting in

rescission of the insurer's repayment demand.

- Representation of a nonprofit in a state charities investigation, leading to closure of the matter.

Representative experience

- Municipal bond fraud litigation: Served as co-counsel in a multimillion-dollar matter, helping secure a \$5 million settlement.
- Lender: Served on the trial team in a bench trial resulting in a \$1.9 million verdict for the client.
- Federal trade secret litigation: Served as co-counsel in securing a temporary restraining order and favorable settlement.
- Limited liability company member: Served as lead counsel in a derivative action and obtained injunctive relief.
- Professional practice: Represented client in a six-figure reimbursement dispute, resulting in rescission of the insurer's repayment demand.
- Estate and corporate dispute: Served as co-counsel in a will contest and related shareholder derivative action involving a multimillion-dollar corporation, reaching favorable settlements in both matters.
- Closely held corporation dispute: Served as lead counsel in a derivative action involving a minority shareholder's allegations of freeze-out and fiduciary duty breaches.
- Trademark and trade secret dispute: Served as co-counsel in litigation resolved through a pre-discovery settlement.
- Nonprofit organization: Represented client in a state charities investigation that closed without further action.

Education

- Rutgers Law School, J.D.
- Temple University, B.A., *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Recognition

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers®, Rising Star, 2025