



## Biography

Since founding the firm in 2006, Ryan Baker has established a reputation the media has described as “tenacious,” a “trailblazer” and a “leader.” His victories have been described as a “legal earthquake” and “landmark.” Ryan tries cases and argues appeals in state and federal courts across the country, including the U.S. and California Supreme Courts. He has also arbitrated cases before numerous arbitral organizations, including FINRA.

Ryan is at home in any courtroom where he represents both plaintiffs and defendants. His litigation practice areas include commercial and entertainment disputes, intellectual property (copyright, trademark, trade secret and patent), antitrust, securities, financial technology and white-collar crime.

Based on his experience and success, Ryan has recognized by the *National Law Journal* as a “Litigation Trailblazer,” a “Super Lawyer” by *Los Angeles Magazine*, a Benchmark “Star,” a “Top Lawyer” by Cablefax, and a “Leader in Law” by *Los Angeles Business Journal*. Most of these recognitions have been repeated.

Ryan regularly publishes in various academic and legal periodicals, including *Intellectual Property* and *Business Law Today*. He has appeared on CNN’s Burden of Proof and on NBC Channel 4 News in Los Angeles. Ryan has been repeatedly quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *National Law Journal*, *Hollywood Reporter* and numerous other national business and legal publications.

Ryan is a member of the legal advisory committee of the Anti-Defamation League (“ADL”), through which he advises the ADL on important legal issues to further the fight against bias and hate. He is also a member of the California Central District pro bono panel. Through that panel, he represents indigent individuals in civil



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rights and other cases in federal court. Ryan is also a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and an Ambassador for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Ryan received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 2000, where he was a member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. In 1997, he earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University graduating *magna cum laude* with University Honors.

Prior to Waymaker, Ryan practiced at Quinn Emanuel and Cooley.

### **Representative Engagements**

- Argued and obtained reversal of trial court's determination that client's arbitration agreement was unconscionable. California Court of Appeal found that the trial court's refusal to permit an evidentiary hearing prior to finding unconscionability was reversible error.
- In Ninth Circuit, argued and won affirmance of district court's determination that civil RICO's predicate act requirement was not satisfied by an allegation that certain intangible property was taken, where such property was not actually transferred.
- Argued in California Supreme Court to overturn broad anti-SLAPP ruling. Obtained unanimous ruling reversing the trial court's ruling, which granted an anti-SLAPP motion based on a confidential and allegedly defamatory report, which was found to extent California's anti-SLAPP law beyond what was intended by the Legislature. Opinion is published [here](#). Oral argument video can be viewed [here](#).
- Obtained vacatur of seven-figure judgment for client, a real estate holding and management company. Case subsequently settled for approximately 2 percent of the prior judgment amount.



- Obtained reversal of a Florida cyberstalking injunction in the Florida District Court of Appeals. After oral argument, the Florida appellate court agreed the issued injunction was an improper prior restraint of First Amendment free speech and that no cyberstalking had been established. The Appellate Court directed dismissal of the case in its entirety.
- Obtained “landmark” copyright ruling, in which the Central District of California court found, for the first time, that an Internet retransmitter of television programming could be entitled to a compulsory copyright license under Section 111 of the Copyright Act.
- Obtained favorable settlement on behalf of client in patent infringement case against Cirque de Soleil related to Michael Jackson One show.
- Argued, and won, Ninth Circuit appeal against insurance companies on behalf of Mattel in the Barbie-Bratz litigation.
- Successfully defended multimillion dollar arbitration brought by international investment bank against client; after five days of arbitration, client prevailed on all claims and recovered attorneys’ fees and costs.
- Prevailed in two separate but related California appeals to protect client’s right to jury trial.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for The Carlyle Group in a dispute against the defendant seller of a building that contained asbestos.
- Defended manufacturer of revolutionary lightweight sport aircraft against engineering company. Obtained a walk-away settlement following the articulation of potential cross-claims.
- Secured dismissal of claims brought by a landlord against a popular Los Angeles nightclub.



- Pursued breach of contract claims on behalf of client DIRECTV against a former dealer. Prevailed in arbitration, obtaining an award of all damages sought, in addition to attorneys' fees.
- Represented a major retailer and independent studio in a dispute related to the motion picture Monster. After a week of jury trial in Texas state court, obtained a favorable settlement.
- Filed action for breach of a loan agreement on behalf of his client, a real estate developer, in Maine federal court. Obtained summary judgment on all claims; also obtained sanctions against the defendants based on defendants' discovery misconduct.
- Represented a software company seeking to prevent competitor from infringement. Obtained an unprecedented preliminary injunction for client, which enabled that client to protect its intellectual property while pursuing claims against a competitor.
- Represented a major grocery store chain against discrimination claims brought by a former employee in a week-long jury trial. Client settled on favorable terms while appeal was pending.
- Defended Rolls-Royce in a dispute related to the construction of an oil platform. Obtained summary judgment of all claims.

### **Representative Clients**

- Avery Dennison Corporation
- Bank of the West
- The Carlyle Group
- DIRECTV
- FilmOn Networks
- Funtastic Limited (Australia)
- ICON Aircraft
- Mattel
- Motorola



- Rolls-Royce Energy Systems
- Sumifru Corporation (Philippines)
- Sunnova Solar Energy
- THUMS Long Beach
- University of Southern California
- Zions Bankcorporation

### **Admissions**

- U.S. Supreme Court
- D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals
- Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Central District of California
- Northern District of California
- Southern District of California

### **Other Professional Activities**

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Anti-Defamation League, Legal Advisory Committee
- California Central District Pro Bono Panel
- Los Angeles County Bar Association