

Ryan L. Marlatt

Partner

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Much of Ryan Marlatt's practice has been centered around the construction industry and he has represented major national and international contractors in all manner of litigation, including construction defects, personal injuries on the construction site, and other contractual disputes. He is often consulted on matters in advance of litigation and continues his representation should litigation ensue.

Ryan represents his clients in complex negotiations and business dealings that ensure his clients are afforded the best defense possible. With his in-depth examination and interpretation of the complex defense and indemnity obligations, Ryan routinely saves his clients significant sums.

Ryan also has a particular interest in products litigation and represents product manufacturers in catastrophic injury and death cases. This passion arises from the beginnings of his working life as an employee of a major medical device manufacturer that almost went bankrupt as a result of products liability litigation. In this role Ryan saw first-hand the repercussions of litigation on the employees of these companies at all levels and fights not just for the companies, but its employees.

In addition to these areas, Ryan also has significant experience in a variety of maritime and commercial litigation issues.

Maritime

- Investigate and litigate injuries occurring on vessels in port and blue water including interactions with the US Coast Guard, OSHA, vessel owners, and vessel crew.
- Defend offshore platform injury cases.
- Investigate potential pollution matters.
- Investigate and litigate collision and allision matters.

Products Liability

Ryan investigates and defends products liability matters involving both consumer and commercial grade products.

Types/categories of products defended:

- Automotive and automotive parts manufacturers—design and manufacturing defects
- Industrial products—maintenance and use in various applications.
- Consumer kitchen appliances—issues relating to design and use in various applications.

Representative Experience

MARITIME

Secured summary judgment for major US Navy Contractor in shipbuilding matter.

Assisted in the 2015 Carla Maersk/Conti Peridot collision and spill response.

Obtained directed verdict in trial for offshore platform owner in personal injury action.

CONSTRUCTION

Secured dismissal of all construction defect by claims by owner against Solar Power World Top 30 electrical subcontractor.

Secured summary judgment on defense and indemnity claims brought by refinery owner against general contractor in burn injury case.

Secured summary judgment against personal injury plaintiff due to construction site injury arguing borrowed servant rule.

Defended power generation and utilities companies in construction defect and personal injury claims.

Defended refinery general contractors and subcontractors in construction defect and personal injury claims.

PRODUCTS LIABILITY

Secured summary judgment on multiple issues for personal blender manufacturer in case involving contents explosion and burns.

Defended a wire rope manufacturer in a case involving the death of a wench operator.

Defended R/V manufacturer in explosion case resulting in multiple deaths and injuries.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Secured TRO and permanent injunction in favor of petrochemical manufacturer.

Drafted employee confidentiality agreement for petrochemical manufacturer.

Defended casket seller/manufacturer against claims of breach of distribution agreement and trade dress/trademark claims.

Defended insurers against claims by insured's for coverage in property loss claims involving hurricanes and hail storms.

Awards & Recognition

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed for Insurance Law

2023-2026

Related Services

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Currents International Trade Law Journal

Volume 9, No. 1 Summer 2000; The Cyberspace Showdown: Jurisdictional Jurisprudence-The United States Versus the European Union

Currents International Trade Law Journal

Volume 9, No. 2 Winter 2000; The Fundamental Principles of Industrial Relations in the Turkish Economic System by Prof. Dr. Ali Mehmet Kocaoglu, Ryan Marlatt & Res. As. Necip Kagan Kocaoglu.

Ethical Claims Negotiations

Speaker

Mechanism of Injury

Speaker

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law Houston

J.D., 2001

Notes Editor-Currents, International Trade Law Journal

Competition Brief Writer

The University of Texas at Austin

B.A., 1998

Government

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2001

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Southern, Eastern

United States Court of Appeals

Fifth Circuit