

Attorney Bio

Ryan Neri is senior counsel at WSHB's Chicago office. He is trial lawyer who focuses his practice on defending construction, professional liability, Illinois Dram Shop Act, and cybersecurity and data privacy. As a member of the firm's Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Team, he handles data breach response, defense of state and federal enforcement actions of data privacy statutes, and defends high exposure data breach and privacy class action litigation.

Ryan is experienced in all aspects of litigation, from inception through trial. His trial experience includes Cook County — a notoriously plaintiff friendly jurisdiction — where he has received defense verdicts on behalf of our clients. He has successfully argued and won several motions for summary judgment in general liability and high exposure construction cases. Ryan has used his extensive litigation experience to obtain favorable results during arbitrations and large scale mediations.

Before joining WSHB, Ryan worked at a Chicago litigation firm successfully defending large retail establishments and national restaurant groups sued for violations of the Illinois Dram Shop, a unique statutory cause of action enforcing strict liability on restaurants, or other establishments that sell alcohol, for a plaintiff's injuries caused by another patron's intoxication. Despite imposing strict liability, Ryan obtained several defense verdicts at trial and obtained summary judgment based upon his comprehensive knowledge of the Act's intricacies and arguments distinctive to defeating liability. Ryan's knowledge made him a leading figure in the Chicago area in this field, gaining respect from his peers and opposing counsels.

Ryan graduated *cum laude* from John Marshall Law School in Chicago while also working as a legal writing teacher's assistant for first year law students. Following graduation, Ryan gained litigation defense experience at a midsize Chicago law firm specializing in aviation cases. Specifically, Ryan represented major airline clients in personal injury matters, and airplane parts manufacturers in wrongful death and products liability cases pending across the United States in both state and federal jurisdictions.

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John Marshall Law School (J.D., 2009, *cum laude*)

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