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Services

Business & Finance

Corporate Governance

Mergers & Acquisitions

Ryan Kelley focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, debt financing, corporate governance, and commercial transactions. He represents clients across a wide range of industries.

Prior to joining the firm, Ryan was an associate in the Business and Finance Group at HMB Legal Counsel, a well-established, corporate-focused law firm based in Chicago, Illinois where he focused his practice on general corporate and transactional matters.

While attending George Washington University Law School, Ryan was a student attorney in its Small Business and Community Economic Development Clinic where he advised small businesses and nonprofits on entity formation, governance, and federal taxation. He also served as an intern for the Honorable Peter J. Messitte in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland and clerked for a member of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

Ryan was recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" in 2024 and 2025 for Mergers and Acquisitions Law and again in 2026 and 2027 for Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisiitons Law, and Venture Capital Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Education

George Washington University Law School J.D. (2021) *with honors*

Loyola University Chicago B.B.A., Management and Information Systems (2016) *cum laude*

Admissions

Illinois (2021)

Professional & Community Activities

Chicago Bar Association, Member

Illinois State Bar Association, Member

American Bar Association, Member

Special Olympics, Volunteer

The National Fragile X Foundation, Volunteer

Certified Small Boat Sailing Counselor

Looker Data Analyst Certification

Microsoft Power BI Data Analyst Certification

Insights

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Client Spotlight | ID Label Successfully Acquired by River Associates

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