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Professional Experience

Ryal is an experienced litigator. He has handled a wide range of litigation cases in state and federal courts, many of them jury trials. Ryal has extensive construction law experience, including lien law, federal and state bond claims, and defective workmanship cases. He also has significant experience with agribusiness litigation, property owner association disputes, personal injury, and all types of real estate disputes, including title insurance claims, trespass, adverse possession, condemnation, easement rights, and wrongful timber cutting. Ryal has been rated by his peers as being "preeminent" in his fields of law.

Practice Concentrations

Contract Litigation

Eminent Domain/Condemnation

Construction Litigation

Real Estate Litigation

Personal Injury Litigation

Education

J.D., Wake Forest School of Law,
1982

A.B., The University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1979

Admitted to Practice

North Carolina, 1982

All state courts in North
Carolina

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fourth Circuit

United States District Court for
the Eastern District of North
Carolina

United States Supreme Court

Honors and Distinctions*

"Lawyer of the Year," Best Lawyers in America, 2021

The Best Lawyers in America, 2009-2021

"Super Lawyer," *North Carolina Super Lawyers*, 2013-2021



Representative Experience

Represented a 500+ member property owners' association over a defectively constructed marina against the developer and others involved in the construction, resulting in a settlement of just under \$1 million

Represented a property owners' association whose roads and sewer system were not completed by a bankrupt developer. The POA recovered a settlement in excess of \$1.5 million from a development bond posted by the developer in favor of the County.

Represented a property owner in the path of the Military Cutoff Extension in condemnation actions against the DOT resulting in settlements exceeding \$10,000,000.00.

Won Summary Judgment for the owner of a defunct golf course in a residential community against residents' claims that they had easement rights in the golf course preventing the golf course owner from the residential development of the golf course property.

Represented a landlord in a dispute with its commercial tenant resulting in the collection in full of back rent in an amount in excess of \$200,000

Represented the owner of property adjoining a man-made harbor to establish the navigability of the harbor and the riparian rights of the property owner

Professional and Community Affiliations

NCDRC, Certified Superior Court Mediator

Clark James Foundation, President

American Board of Trial Advocates

North Carolina Bar Association — Sections: Construction Law; Litigation

North Carolina Land Title Association

Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association

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