

## Ryan L. Leitch

Partner

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### Biography

Ryan Leitch represents businesses and business owners including those in manufacturing, retail, distributors, software and technology, construction, sales, complex creditor's rights, and other service industries in numerous business matters.

The variety of business matters includes: the sale, acquisition, merger and other related transactions, entity selection and organization, employment, loan transactions, contracts and agreements, disputes among shareholders/members, and business succession planning to assist owners in transferring/selling their business ownership to family members, employees, or outside purchasers.

Ryan also represents: individuals in estate and succession planning, including preparation of Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney and health care designations; Pre-Nuptial/Pre-Marital agreements; and probate and administration of Wills and Trusts.

Ryan served as the Firm's Managing Partner from 2002 through 2010, and on the Firm's management committee from 2011 through 2012.

### Representative Matters

- Represented business owners in the organization, formation, funding, sale, purchase or merger of their businesses, and in the preparation of various types of business contracts and agreements.
- Represented businesses and their owners in the sale or acquisition of a business interests ranging from a few million to tens of millions of dollars, and in excess of \$100 Million.
- Prepared estate and business succession plans to assist clients in achieving their objectives.
- Assisted clients with preparation of their Wills and Trusts, to accomplish their estate planning goals.
- Assisted clients in the administration of trusts and the estate probate process.

### Education

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, JD, 1987

Indiana University, Kelley School of Business. BS, Finance, 1984

### Bar & Court Admissions

- Indiana, 1987
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Supreme Court

## Representative Matters *continued*

- Represented clients in preparation of pre-nuptial/pre-marital agreements prior to marriage.
- Represented construction contractors in negotiating contracts, handling lien claims, and resolving other construction-related disputes.
- Served as lead counsel for a large hedge fund in a series of complex, multi-million-dollar business workouts and related business transactions.
- Recovered a total of approximately \$100 million on behalf of a Fortune 500 client through the enforcement of a series of loan guarantees.

## Awards & Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America®

- Commercial Litigation: 2023 – present
- Litigation – Construction: 2026
- Real Estate Law: 2023 – present

Indiana Super Lawyers®

- Business and Corporate: 2013 – present
- Mergers and Acquisitions: 2013 – present
- Estate Planning and Probate: 2013 – present

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Preeminent Rated: 2013 – present

Indianapolis Bar Foundation, Distinguished Fellow

## Community Activity

- Indiana Youth Lacrosse Association (IYLA)
  - President, 2017 – present
- Carmel Dads' Club, volunteer
  - Coaching, League or Sport Commissioner, 5 years
  - Steering Committee Member, Lacrosse, 2010 – 2018
  - League Commissioner of Lacrosse, 4 years
  - Board of Directors Member, 6 years
- Carmel High School-Lacrosse Coach (both varsity and junior varsity over 3 seasons (2013-2015))
- Indianapolis Public Library
  - Planned Giving Council, member, 4 years

Ryan has also served as a member of numerous boards and committees for various not-for-profit organizations, including neighborhood boards (and architectural committees), and is a contributor to various charitable organizations and school programs.

## Practice Areas

- Business sales, mergers & acquisitions
- Business & Corporate Law
- Family Law
- Real Estate
- Wills, Trusts & Estates

## Associations

- Indiana State Bar Association
- Indianapolis Bar Association