



Ryan T. Steele

partner

Ryan handles corporate contractual matters to bring mergers, acquisitions, financing, energy and natural resources deals, startup operations and other general business transactions to fruition.

Combining business operations knowledge with legal acumen, Ryan efficiently executes a variety of complex business contracts so that rapidly growing companies, business owners and early stage entrepreneurs can cost-effectively achieve growth goals. Having managed an office of over 100 employees and contractors, Ryan applies first-hand knowledge of daily business functions, including project management, employee management, and independent contracting, in providing practical counsel to fast-growing entities so they can overcome challenges and achieve their business goals.

Ryan drafts and negotiates a myriad of contracts to help close multi-layered transactions, including architect/contractor agreements, business and commercial agreements, retail leases and general real estate agreements, and purchase/sale agreements. He represents clients across multiple industries, including energy and natural resources, commercial real estate, financial services, computer software, telecommunications, food and beverage, manufacturing, and health care. Ryan also assists early stage entrepreneurs by completing the documentation innovators need to establish their business profile, grow and expand, and ultimately exit on their own terms. In connection with the deployment of small cell wireless technology, he prepares, analyzes, and negotiates attachment and use agreements on behalf of wireless telecommunications carriers to obtain access to the facilities of municipalities and utility providers throughout the country.

He leverages his deep energy sector experience to consult natural resource clients with exploration and production, pipeline, and downstream/power plant matters, as well as with title and litigation, including the drafting of amicus and merit briefs submitted before the Ohio Supreme Court. He also represents owners, construction contractors, architects and engineers in drafting a variety of agreements, including AIA and other industry form contracts. As a Registered Landman (RL) with the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) prior to joining Porter Wright, Ryan handled title and ownership issues, lease

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Blogs

energylawreport.com
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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Michael
E. Moritz College of Law, J.D., 2011

Miami University, B.A., 2008

SERVICES

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities

Energy

- Oil and gas

Real Estate

- Construction and design contracts

Construction

negotiations, title and lease curative actions, joint ventures, unitization, Ohio Dormant Mineral Act matters and dispute resolution.

During law school, Ryan served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Chief Judge R. Guy Cole, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

PRESENTATIONS

- “Exit Planning & Future Trends in Family Business,” Conway Center for Family Business, May 16, 2023
- “Identify and Understand the Legal Barriers and Obstacles Holding Your Business Back,” Central Ohio Business & Wealth Planning Council, Oct. 10, 2019
- “Understanding Oil & Gas for the Estate Planning Attorney,” Columbus Bar Association Estate Planning and Trust Committee Meeting, Nov. 1, 2016

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Association for Corporate Growth, Young Professionals Chapter, Planning Committee, 2021-present

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®
- Leadership Columbus, Class of 2024

COMMUNITY

- Easter Seals of Central and Southeast Ohio, Board of Directors; Program Committee, Chair; Executive Committee; 2nd Secretary, 2015-2022

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Entrepreneurship & Startups

- Biotech
- Capital raising
- Entity formation
- Operations, transactions and governance

Business Growth & Operation

- Private fund formation