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Ryan is co-vice chair of Cooley's global business department. He represents companies and investors in the UK and US who are forming, financing and scaling disruptive high-growth companies, particularly in the technology and life sciences sectors. He assists clients with equity financings, M&A, strategic relationships, board governance and general corporate matters. With his experience in Silicon Valley, the East Coast of the United States and London, Ryan is able to help companies navigate major corporate transactions across the US and UK.

Ryan has been a lecturer at numerous incubator and accelerator programs, as well as at graduate law and business programs. Ryan was a foundational member of the NVCA model documents committee and is an active member of the BVCA model documents committee.

Ryan was named one of the best partners to work for in Washington, DC, by AboveTheLaw.com (see article).

Education

University of Michigan Law School JD, magna cum laude, 1998

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MBA, 1998

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) BA, Economics, 1994

Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

California

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers UK: Private Equity: Venture Capital Investment (2026 – 2027)

The Legal 500 UK: Leading Lawyer in Corporate and Commercial – Venture Capital (2022, 2026 – 2027)

The Best Lawyers of America (2008-2015)

Above the Law: Top Partners to Work For – Washington, DC (2011)

Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA)