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Ryan's multidisciplinary energy transactional practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and energy development and operations, primarily in the oil and gas and related sectors, including a leading practice representing project developers in the emerging carbon capture and sequestration ("CCS") industry.

Ryan counsels industry clients on matters involving acquisitions and dispositions, joint ventures, CCS project development, production prepayment facilities and other structured finance, oil and gas and pore space leasing, corporate governance, project development, coordination of estates matters, distressed asset sales, commercial agreements, and other documents associated with natural gas operations, CCS, waste-to-energy projects, and other energy development.

Ryan also has experience representing debtors-in-possession in transactional and corporate matters in the Chapter 11 context, and has advised established companies and new and emerging business in connection with raising and investing capital and forming alternative asset structures such as special purpose acquisition companies ("SPACs").

While in law school, Ryan received the 2012 Advanced Oil and Gas Law Outstanding Student Award for his analysis of force majeure implications of New York State's fracking ban, and served as Marketing Editor of *Sustainable Development Law & Policy*.

## Select Engagements

- Represented one of the largest natural gas producers in the United States in an innovative and first-of-its-kind \$200 million asset-backed securitization

and equity capital transaction.

- Successfully represented a multibillion-dollar assets under management (“AUM”) credit fund in connection with the \$1.8 billion acquisition of a Wyoming-based natural gas producer by all-cash merger, and the subsequent \$787 million sale of producing wellbores to affiliates of a Texas-based hedge fund manager.
- Represented a developer of carbon capture and sequestration (“CCS”) projects in connection with a \$250 million equity investment by a net-zero natural gas producer.
- Represented a CCS project developer in connection with senior first lien secured credit facility collateralized with pore space lease assets.
- Represented one of the largest natural gas producers in the United States in its \$250 million acquisition of certain oil and gas properties and related assets in East Texas from a portfolio company.
- Represented a CCS project developer in the negotiation of carbon capture, offtake, and sequestration agreements with electric power generators and chemical producers in the Gulf Coast region of the United States.
- Represented a private-equity backed independent producer in its \$150 million acquisition and financing of the Marcellus shale oil and gas assets, including wells, leases and midstream gathering system of an oil and natural gas exploration and production company.
- Represented a CCS project developer in the negotiation of agreements to secure pore space rights underlying more than 20,000 acres for the purposes of CO<sub>2</sub> injection and permanent storage.
- Represented an affiliate of a privately held Houston-based oil and gas operator in connection with its development of a carbon capture and sequestration project in California’s Cuyama Basin.
- Represented one of the largest natural gas producers in the United States in its \$72 million divestiture of certain oil and gas assets held in Texas.
- Represented Western Pennsylvania landowners in connection with the negotiation of pore space leasing agreements with affiliates of Nebraska-based independent energy company.
- Represented a developer of solar energy projects regarding underwriting and coordination of estates issues concerning proposed portfolio development in southern Illinois.
- Represented publicly- traded exploration and production company in the divestiture of legacy oil and gas wells and related assets in eastern Ohio.
- Represented a publicly traded exploration and production company in connection with the concurrent sale and farmout of developed and undeveloped oil and gas assets in Louisiana pursuant to joint venture arrangement with private equity fund.
- Represented an American multinational financial institution in connection with divestiture of portfolio of oil and gas interests.
- Represented a joint venture between private equity firms in connection with sale of 100 percent of its membership interests in three wholly owned subsidiaries owning and operating oil and gas wells and related assets in Texas.
- Represented an independent oil and gas investment company in the

acquisition and financing of oil and gas assets, including wells, leases, and midstream gathering system from a multinational oil and gas company, and the subsequent sale of the midstream assets to the subsidiary of a publicly traded natural gas utility provider.

- Represented a multibillion AUM family office in the \$227 million acquisition of various oil and gas overriding royalty interests and non-operated working interests in Texas from an affiliate of a private equity firm making direct equity investments in the energy sector.
- Represented a multibillion AUM family office in the \$75 million acquisition of various revenue and overriding royalty interests in Texas from an affiliate of a private equity firm specializing in the energy industry.
- Represented one of the largest independent producers of water infrastructure and disposal services for energy companies in the Permian Basin whose assets included 24 saltwater disposal wells with a permitted daily disposal capacity of approximately 600,000 barrels, 150 miles of pipeline gathering systems, and other supporting infrastructure, in its \$350 million sale to a subsidiary of a national owner and operating of tanker trucks, salt water gathering pipelines, and disposal facilities.
- Represented a Marcellus-focused upstream exploration and production company, in its chapter 11 restructuring.
- Represented a West Virginia-based oil and gas exploration company in the divestiture of oil and gas assets in Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia to a subsidiary of a publicly traded multinational oil and gas company.
- Represented a West Virginia-based oil and gas exploration company in the divestiture of oil and gas assets in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia.
- Represented a lender in connection with \$200 million senior secured term loan to Oklahoma-based oil and gas operator.
- Represented lender in connection with \$75 million senior secured term loan to Texas-based oil and gas operator.
- Represented a mineral assets, royalties, and overriding royalties company in acquisitions of oil and gas assets in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and North Dakota.
- Represented an oil and gas capital provider in the development of full suite of transaction documents for use in volumetric production payment and term overriding royalty investment transactions.
- Represented a New York-based private equity firm in its divestiture of its stake in a tactical apparel brand.

## Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia

## Education

- American University, Washington College of Law, JD

- University of Pittsburgh, BA, magna cum laude

## Recognitions

- 2021-2024, “Ones to Watch” in Mergers and Acquisitions Law (selected through peer review), listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*©
- 2024, “Ones to Watch” in Energy Law (selected through peer review), list in *The Best Lawyers in America*©