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Ryan is a member of the firm's Health Care Department, where he focuses his practice on defending physicians and health care organizations such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and various other health systems against medical malpractice claims and lawsuits. He works closely with clients in defending and guiding them through all phases of litigation. In addition to handling complex medical malpractice and skilled nursing home matters, Ryan actively handles child welfare cases involving severe allegations of sexual and physical abuse.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Ryan stayed true to his roots by attending Temple University for both undergraduate and law school degrees. He was a member of the American Constitution Society and Student Bar Association during law school. Ryan clerked for the Honorable Steven C. Tolliver in Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas and also spent time in the Major Trial Division at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

Outside of the office, Ryan is an avid basketball fan who plays in several recreational leagues and follows the NBA. When not on the basketball court, you may find him at a music festival or out hiking.

Education

- Temple University Beasley School of Law (J.D., 2022)
- Temple University (B.B.A., 2018)

Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2022

Associations & Memberships

Practices

- Medical Malpractice
- Miscellaneous Professional Liability

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

Representative Cases & Matters

- Obtained a dismissal for all claims asserted against a nonprofit mental health services provider. The claims by a former resident and treatment recipient spanned multiple years and were asserted across separate actions. The claimant alleged various tort-based causes of action arising from their residency and interactions with staff. We obtained an initial dismissal in one of the two matters through a motion for judgment on the pleadings and subsequently leveraged that ruling to file a vexatious litigant motion in the second action, which the court granted. The latter order effectively bars the plaintiff from initiating any future litigation against our insured or its employees involving the same or related claims. This outcome brings finality to protracted litigation and protects the client from continued repetitive and meritless claims, which had caused them significant reputational and financial losses.
- Part of the defense team that successfully obtained a defense verdict during arbitration in a medical malpractice case. Our client performed major reconstructive surgery for a patient with a highly complex and longstanding history of severe right foot problems. The plaintiffs alleged that our client failed to properly evaluate the patient and perform the surgery at issue, causing complications that required three additional surgeries to correct. We argued that the plaintiff's postoperative course, including the clinical manifestations that developed and the subsequent surgeries he received, constituted a series of known complications/outcomes regarding the complex surgery he underwent. An arbitration verdict was made in favor of our client.

Results

Summary Judgment Received in a Nursing Home Malpractice Case

We received summary judgment in the defendant's favor in a nursing home malpractice case. The plaintiff claimed that the facility failed to prevent various conditions and injuries during the resident's admission—such as UTI/sepsis, acute kidney injury/metabolic encephalopathy, dehydration and failure to thrive/weight loss, and skin breakdown. The plaintiff alleged these developments resulted in numerous damages, including, but not limited to, death. Our motion for summary judgment on behalf of the defendant sought dismissal on the grounds that the facility held immunity pursuant to the Pennsylvania Tort Claims Act. The plaintiff hotly disputed the issue. Ultimately, several rounds of briefing were required to achieve the ruling in the facility's favor.

Thought Leadership

November 1, 2025

Isn't That Wunderly? How the Supreme Court's Interpretation of the Mental Health Procedures Act Positively Impacts Treatment Providers

