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### Practice Areas:

Professional Liability

- Architectural and Engineering Malpractice Defense
- Legal and Medical Malpractice Defense

Insurance Law

Product Liability and Tort Law

Business Litigation



Robert E. Ryan is Managing Partner of the Professional Liability Practice Group and a Senior Litigator at Connell Foley LLP. A four-time Certified Civil Trial Attorney as certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, Mr. Ryan has dedicated his professional practice for over 28 years to the litigation and trial of substantial matters.

Mr. Ryan's practice places particular emphasis on the representation of architects, engineers, attorneys and physicians in major professional malpractice litigation. In this regard, Mr. Ryan has served as lead counsel in the representation of regional, national and international professional firms in significant litigation matters venued in both the State and Federal Courts. He has also represented parties in significant product liability litigation as well as large scale construction defect actions in all forums.

Mr. Ryan has litigated a wide variety of substantial and complex matters, including professional liability, general liability, product liability, catastrophic construction accidents, wrongful death, design and construction-related property damage and economic loss actions, declaratory judgments and environmental law matters in the State and Federal Courts. Furthermore, he has extensive experience in the representation of parties in mediation and other alternative dispute resolution forums. Mr. Ryan is available to serve as Mediator in substantial matters, particularly professional liability and product liability matters.

### Professional Activities:

- Certified Civil Trial Attorney, 1988, 1995, 2002, 2008
- Member, Trial Attorneys of New Jersey
- Member, Sections on Litigation, Professional Liability, Product Liability and Insurance Law – American Bar Association
- Member, Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- Member, Professional Liability Section – Defense Research Institute
- Member, Professional Liability Section – USLAW Organization
- Allied Member, New Jersey Society of Architects
- Continuing Education System Lecturer, The American Institute of Architects, Professional Liability and Risk Management
- Former Member, Health and Hospital Law Committee, Subcommittee on Education – New Jersey State Bar Association
- Former Member, New Jersey Supreme Court District VC Ethics Committee
- Former Member, Committee on Professional Malpractice Insurance – New Jersey State Bar Association

### Representative Cases:

Among his notable engagements, Mr. Ryan has provided representation to professionals in litigation and ADR forums:

- Representation of international environmental engineering firm relevant to damage claims of public entity in Federal Court litigation related to professional liability claims arising from design and construction services on plant renovation project at a major New Jersey wastewater treatment facility;

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- Representation of national engineering firm relevant to damage claims of contractor in Federal Court litigation arising from design, construction and contract administration on the Shark River Bridge Renovation Project for the New Jersey Department of Transportation;
- Representation of international engineering firm in State Court litigation arising from claims of public entity sounding in professional liability related to design, construction, contract administration and product specification regarding substantial centrifuge renovation project at a major New Jersey wastewater facility;
- Representation of national engineering firm on claims of professional liability related to bridge renovation projects;
- Representation of international law firm in State Court litigation in defense of substantial claims of professional liability and breach of fiduciary duty arising from professional services rendered on a commercial transaction and arbitration;
- Representation of environmental engineering firm in State Court litigation arising from claims of deficient professional services related to environmental studies and assessments with alleged adverse impact on residential development;
- Representation of engineering firm in State Court litigation in defense of significant claims of professional liability arising from design and contract administration for major New Jersey condominium project, including claims arising from specifying project materials and installation processes;
- Representation of architectural, engineering and surveying firms relevant to pre-litigation and litigation claims of professional malpractice by private project developers and contractors regarding all aspects of professional services, including project evaluations, design, governmental approvals, construction and contract administration, delay claims and construction defect claims;
- Representation of engineering and surveying firm in State Court litigation involving claims of professional liability arising from alleged surveying error which impacted project approvals and subsequent sales of condominium and townhouse units;
- Representation of national engineering firm in defense of contractor claims of project delays due to professional malpractice in State Court litigation arising from design, construction and contract administration on New Jersey bridge project;
- Representation of regional engineering firm relevant to State Court litigation arising from contractor claims to substantial damages for project delays arising from New Jersey commercial office and related garage project;
- Representation of project architect in State Court litigation in defense of claims of owner of professional malpractice related to design and construction of major commercial warehouse in northern New Jersey;
- Representation of engineering firm in State Court litigation involving wrongful death claim relevant to public roadway relocation project;
- Representation of project engineer in State Court litigation arising from collapse of residential parking garage and related economic damages;
- Representation of engineering firm relevant to multiple wrongful death claims arising from renovation of commercial gas facility;
- Representation of engineering firm in State Court litigation arising from claims of improper design and construction supervision on commercial project in northern New Jersey;
- Representation of engineering firm in State Court litigation in defense of professional malpractice claims of public entity and contractor relevant to stadium renovation project in northern New Jersey;
- Representation of architect in State Court litigation on claims involving design and construction of public cultural facility.

**Admitted to Practice:**

State of New Jersey  
 United States District Court for the District  
 of New Jersey  
 United States Supreme Court

**Education:**

Saint Peter's College (B.A., History, 1976)  
 Seton Hall University (J.D., *cum laude*, 1979)

**Affiliations:**

American Bar Association  
 New Jersey State Bar Association