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OVERVIEW

Ryan Lee is a partner at the firm's Nashville office and is a member of the Construction and Infrastructure practice group. His practice focuses on representing owners, developers, general contractors, and subcontractors in construction-related transactional and litigation matters. Ryan is highly skilled at negotiating and drafting contracts for a variety of project types and delivery methods with particular experience in manufacturing, healthcare, higher education, and hospitality industries. During his career, Ryan has guided his clients through all facets of the litigation process, from pre-litigation dispute avoidance to trial and appeal where he has successfully argued before all three divisions of the Tennessee Court of Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme Court. Ryan also regularly represents clients in commercial, governmental regulatory and real estate disputes.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Ryan served as of counsel at a full-service U.S. law firm where he focused his practice in construction and commercial litigation. He advised his clients on a variety of matters, including disputes related to design and construction defects, mechanic's and materialmen's liens, contractor licensing, and Prompt Pay act and other payment issues. Ryan also has considerable commercial litigation and government regulatory experience based on his time in private practice in Chicago and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Tennessee Attorney General's Office.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Tennessee Bar Association, Construction Section
- Member, Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel
- Member, American Bar Association, Construction Forum

EDUCATION

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2007

- B.S.E., Princeton University, 2002

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois (Inactive)
- Bar of Tennessee
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 24 August 2021, Disaster Preparedness Toolkit (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 8 September 2021, K&L Gates Assists Sungwoo Hitech in Identifying, Selecting, and Securing Incentives for Tennessee Facility, Company's First U.S. Location (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 3 February 2021, K&L Gates Launches Nashville Office with Hire of 25+ Lawyers (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Economic Incentives
- Real Estate Development and Construction

INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Manufacturing