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Areas of Focus

- Family Wealth Planning
- Family Wealth Resolution & Disputes
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

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Ryan Cunningham's practice focuses primarily on representing fiduciaries and beneficiaries in trust, probate and civil disputes. Ryan has experience in all aspects of trust litigation, from early conflict avoidance through appeal and enforcement.

Notable representations include assisting with a four-week jury trial, obtaining favorable, "complete win" findings from the jury. Although a litigator by nature, Ryan does not hesitate to employ interest-based negotiation, mediation and other dispute resolution techniques to represent his clients' interests cost effectively.

Before joining the firm in 2025, Ryan was an associate at Hopkins & Carley, ALC and Lathrop GPM, LLP. Ryan attended University of California, Hastings, where he graduated Order of the Coif and served as a Judicial Extern for the United States District Court, Northern District in 2010.

Publications

"Now What? Enforcement and Collection of a Surcharge Order," *California Trusts & Estates Quarterly*, Vol. 26, Issue 2 (2020)

"Autopsy of a Trust and Estates Case: The Appellate Doctor Is In," *California Trusts & Estates Quarterly*, Vol. 24, Issue 4 (2018)

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers in America, Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2025)

Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2014-2020)

Professional Affiliations

Silicon Valley Bar Association, Executive Committee

State Bar of California

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Vaughn R. Walker, United States District Court, Northern District of California (2010)

Education

J.D., UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2011)

B.A., The College of William and Mary (2007)

Admissions and Courts

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