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About Dan

Dan has a sophisticated, national commercial litigation practice focused on complex business disputes tried in federal and state trial and appellate courts, and in arbitration. His technical background includes managed care and healthcare litigation, employee benefits litigation, consumer fraud, bad faith, employment discrimination, corporate disputes and dissolutions, and class actions.

Among his areas of concentration, Dan has extensive experience in the health care industry. He routinely handles managed care disputes and counsels health plans and commercial payors on underpayments, medical necessity denials, experimental treatments, recoupments, coding audits, non-reimbursable line item charge denials, and related billing issues. These matters often involve in- and out-of-network providers and are frequently resolved through arbitration before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), American Health Law Association (AHLA), and JAMS.

Dan regularly represents clients before courts of appeal across the country, including the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth circuits, and the Illinois and Indiana appellate courts. He also represents clients before federal and state administrative agencies such as the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and the Illinois Human Rights Commission. More broadly, Dan tries jury and bench cases and handles alternative dispute resolution, mediation, and arbitration before US and international tribunals.

He has completed intensive mediation training from the faculty of Pepperdine University School of Law's top-ranked Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Dan's Affiliations

- American Bar Association (ABA), Editor of the ERISA Treatise; Employee Benefits Committee
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Health, Life and Disability/ERISA Committee; Employee Benefits Committee
- American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA)

Areas of Focus

Industries: Healthcare; Insurance; Life, Health, Disability & ERISA ; Managed Care

Services: Appellate; Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA); Complex Commercial Litigation ;
Consumer & Class Action Defense; Data Privacy, AI & Cybersecurity; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Secured a favorable defense verdict in a two-week bad faith jury trial held in federal court in California for a national, top-five health care company.
- Represented a large healthcare network in provider litigation involving over \$50 million in dispute.
- Defended and resolved a class action alleging violations of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).
- Defended an automobile manufacturer in dealer disputes.
- Obtained an appellate victory from the Illinois Appellate Court affirming dismissal of a plaintiff's motion to enforce judgment.
- Obtained affirmance from the US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, upholding an ERISA benefit denial for a life insurance client.
- Resolved complex real estate disputes, including right of first refusal claims on a \$37.5 million apartment complex, tax increment financing (TIF) issues, special service area tax developments, and condemnations.
- Defended a leading truck manufacturer against claims of tortious interference with an international distribution agreement.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – ERISA, 2021 – 2026; Litigation – Insurance, 2025 – 2026; Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – ERISA, Chicago, 2021
- BTI Consulting Group, Inc., BTI Client Service All-Star, 2014
- *Leading Lawyer*, Class Action & Mass Tort Defense Law

Credentials

Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, JD

University of Notre Dame, BA

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Federal Trial Bar

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

US District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

US District Court for the Western District of Michigan

US District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

US District Court for the Western District of Missouri

US District Court for the District of North Dakota

US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

US District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

Interests

Did you know...

Dan enjoys spending time with his family, whether golfing, snow- and water-skiing, or any number of other outdoor activities.

Community/Civic Activities

- Dan is active in his church on various boards and committees, including the Finance Committee and School Board. He also devotes time to various charitable organizations.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Dan regularly gives presentations to various attorney groups and associations on business litigation subjects, including employee benefits, health care, class actions, injunctive relief, and arbitrations. A selection of presentations includes those before the Defense Research Institute (DRI), the National Consumer Class Action Litigation & Management Conference, the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), the Eastern Claims Conference, the Self-Insurance Institute of America, the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel and the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE).

- “Recent Developments in Health Insurance Law: Key Updates and Trends,” DRI’s 2025 Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Seminar, Denver, Colorado, April 10, 2025
- “In-Network Challenges: Provider Arbitration and Related Issues (Health),” DRI’s 2023 Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 26, 2023

Publications

- “Mental Health Parity Act,” DRI’s *In-House Defense Quarterly*, Spring 2021

Events

- Dan Ryan Presents on Recent Development in Health Insurance Law, Apr 10, 2025
- Fourth Biennial Definitive Disability Conference, October 17 – 18, 2019
- Third Biennial Definitive Disability Conference, Oct 12, 2017
- Dan Ryan to Present at DRI’s Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Seminar, Apr 30, 2014

In The News

- A Profile of Dan Ryan, One of Chicago’s Top Commercial Litigators, Sep 10, 2018

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022
- Sixty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers, Aug 19, 2021

Webinar

- Dan Ryan to Present at DRI's 2021 Life, Health, Disability, and ERISA Seminar, Apr 16, 2021

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