



Practice Areas

Professional Liability
Construction
Real Estate
Product Liability

Admissions

PA, NJ, NY, PA US
Federal District Court
(Southern, Eastern, Middle
and Western Districts)

Sean Ryan is a partner at Bardsley Law. Sean primarily focuses his practice on the defense of design, construction and real estate professionals. In the construction sphere, he works closely with his architect, engineer and contractor clients to negotiate complex contracts, seek to mitigate potential risk and provide guidance throughout the entire project life cycle. Sean additionally represents these professionals against design and construction defect, delay, and professional liability claims and in the prosecution of fee collection cases.

Sean began his legal career as a federal law clerk with the Honorable Robert F. Kelly in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and state law clerk for the Honorable Frank T. Hazel in the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas. He then obtained his Master of Laws degree (LLM) before serving as an attorney in the construction practice groups of two firms prior to joining Bardsley Law.

In addition to his focus on the law, Sean enjoys international travel. While living and studying in Valparaiso, Chile several years ago, he traveled throughout South America. Later during his legal studies, Sean explored Europe with the University of Miami School of Law's semester abroad program. Sean's favorite journey, however, might be to the Final Four. A proud graduate of Villanova University and devoted Wildcats basketball fan, he attended both of his alma mater's championships in 2016 and 2018.

Sean and his wife, Amy, and dog, Reilly, live in Broomall in the house that they are fixing up.

Awards

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Construction Litigation) – 2021 and 2022
- Marquis Who's Who in America

Representative Cases

- **Ristenbatt v. Western Glass Supply, Inc.**, 2021 U.S. Dist. Lexis 151059 (M.D. Pa. Aug. 9, 2021): Obtained dismissal in products liability action alleging significant personal injuries against client.
- **Haslam v. Greenpointe Construction, Inc.**, No. 190402261 (Phila. Ct. of Com. Pls. Oct. 7, 2021): Obtained summary judgment dismissing all claims against architect client in litigation involving significant construction defect and water infiltration damages.

Publications

- **Everything Under the Sun: Strategies for Protecting Design Professionals from Claims Arising from Solar Panels**
Strategies for Minimizing Risk and Protecting Design Professionals from
- **The Rising Occurrence of ADA and FHA Claims**

Affiliations

- Member, Villanova University Alumni Association
- Member, CLM

Clerkships

- Honorable Robert F. Kelly, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, February 2012-August 2015
- Honorable Frank T. Hazel, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, May 2007 – August 2007

Certifications

- Level One CLM Claims College School of Construction Casualty Claims