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Ryan has a broad commercial practice with an emphasis on disputes involving company law, contract law, civil fraud, and public or private international law. He welcomes instructions as sole counsel or as part of a counsel team.

Ryan's recent and current work includes:

- acting as part of the junior counsel team on behalf of a group of hedge funds in their claim against a leading financial institution for market abuse and other wrongs;
- acting as junior counsel or, where the proceedings are abroad, assisting leading counsel in multiple cases involving allegations of fraud, conspiracy, and other wrongs; and
- advising the U.K. Government on a standing basis in connection with a contemplated extension of the scheme set out in the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008.

Prior to joining Chambers, Ryan practised as a solicitor at a leading commercial law firm in Australia, where his practice involved a mixture of contentious and non-contentious commercial law. Ryan also maintained an extensive pro bono practice (and continues to do so), including, in particular:

- acting for an Al Jazeera journalist who was imprisoned in Egypt, including advising on matters of international law and political strategy: *In the matter of Peter Greste*; and
- acting on behalf of the same-sex parents of a child in a discrimination claim against the State of South Australia in order to achieve recognition of the parentage of the child, and which ultimately resulted in the enactment of the *Family Relationships (Parentage Presumptions) Amendment Act 2016 (SA)*.

Ryan has also previously worked in politics in Australia and the United States and in the non-government sector.

Qualifications

Ryan graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Arts (History; Politics) and a Bachelor of Laws, both with first class honours, and Trinity College, University of Cambridge with a Master of Laws, first class honours, and a Postgraduate Diploma of Legal Studies. Ryan was elected a Senior Scholar of Trinity College and has been awarded a range of prizes and scholarships, including the Banking and Financial Services Law Association Research Prize and the Law Council of Australia's Santow Scholarship.

Articles & Publications

Ryan has published articles in the *Company Lawyer*, *Company & Securities Law Journal*, the *Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice*, *Trusts & Trustees*, *Trust Law International*, *The University of New South Wales Law Journal*, the *Melbourne*

Journal of International Law, and *The Australian Journal of Political Science* on a range of topics. His writings include articles on:

- the ability of shareholders to pass resolutions informally in accordance with the *Re Duomatic* principle in circumstances where shares are held on trust and a corporate shareholder has been dissolved: 'Re-writing the Rules of Company Law and Equity: a case comment' (2017) 38(7) *Company Lawyer* 219;
- the test for an ad-hoc fiduciary relationship and its application to the members of charitable companies: 'The "Fiduciary" Member of a Charitable Company' (2018) 24(9) *Trusts & Trustees* 869; and
- the proper approach to the construction of powers granted to non-fiduciaries under trust deeds: 'Is the Power to Appoint a Trustee a Fiduciary Power in the Hands of a Non-fiduciary?' (2018) 32(3) *Trust Law International* 163.