Ryan C. Dean

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Litigation

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Ryan Dean is a trial lawyer that focuses his practice on defending clients against federal prosecution and criminal investigations. Utilizing his particular skill set, he has obtained favorable results for clients, including declinations of prosecution, dismissals of charges and favorable sentences. His practice focuses on white collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement matters and internal investigations.

Providing a distinct perspective and out-of-the-box thinking to criminal defense cases

Ryan has represented clients in matters involving tax fraud, securities fraud, healthcare fraud, embezzlement, corruption and various other financial crimes. He regularly appears before the Department of Justice (DOJ), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and numerous other federal agencies.

As a former intern for the DOJ Tax Division that has continuously worked with IRS counsel and former federal prosecutors throughout his career, Ryan provides a distinctive skill set to clients facing tax problems. His passion for criminal tax practice provides a fresh perspective to other areas of criminal defense as well, including securities, healthcare, foreign corruption and foreign bank reporting. He also applies skills he learned while working on the other side of the bench as an extern for a federal judge in the Northern District of Texas. Utilizing his experience from all of these practices enables him to best assist clients in achieving positive results.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
    - Litigation and Controversy - Tax, 2026–2027
    - Tax Law, 2025–2027

Practices

- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Litigation
- Healthcare Litigation, Reimbursement and Regulation
- Insurance and Healthcare Fraud Litigation
- Litigation
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity
- Securities Enforcement Defense
- White Collar and Internal Investigations

Education

- JD, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, *cum laude*
- LLM (Taxation), Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
- BS, Pepperdine University

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Texas
- US District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- US District Court, Western District of Texas
- US District Court, Southern District of Texas
- US Tax Court
- US Court of Federal Claims

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News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Represents WB Waste Solutions in Acquisition by Waste Management (May 13, 2025)
- Katten Represents HITRUST in Securing Growth Investment From Brighton Park (March 19, 2025)

Publications

- DOJ Details Its Bounty Program as New Corporate Whistleblower Program Rolls Out (August 2, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 14 (May 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 26 (May 2024)