

Carly Ryan

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Commercial Litigation

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Carly Ryan focuses on providing strategic counsel and representation in commercial litigation, helping clients navigate disputes efficiently and strategically. She is committed to crafting tailored legal strategies to resolve conflicts, protect business interests and achieve just outcomes.

A diverse background in media and law

Carly has a strong foundation in First Amendment and intellectual property law, having served as a Summer Fellow with the Cornell University First Amendment Clinic, where she trained journalists and contributed to key litigation efforts. Her scholarship on the First Amendment and copyright law has been published in multiple law reviews, including the *Michigan Journal of Law Reform* and the *Florida Entertainment and Sports Law Review*. Her extensive media experience, gained through prior work as a journalist for a global news network, informs her strategic approach to legal research, writing and advocacy. Additionally, Carly has worked in the University of Michigan Environmental and Human Trafficking legal clinics, further expanding her litigation skills across multiple areas of law.

Publications

- *The Katten Kattwalk* | Issue 29 (Summer 2025)
- Chanel's Legal Victory Sends a Clear Message: Authenticity Isn't Just a Luxury — It's the Law (Summer 2025)
- The Fair Use Doctrine in Contemporary Journalism | *Florida Entertainment and Sports Law Review* (July 2025)
- Hard Truths: Libel by Implication Doctrine and the Need for a Uniform Standard | *Michigan Journal of Law Reform* (2023)

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Litigation

Education

- JD, University of Michigan Law School
- BA, University of Michigan

Bar Admissions

- Illinois