

# James A. Ryan

## Retired Partner

James Ryan practiced in the areas of complex commercial litigation, litigation involving direct sales companies and distributors, civil racketeering litigation, business torts, actions for breach of contract, and class actions.

His experience included:

- Representation of direct sales companies in contract disputes, civil racketeering actions, and commercial tort actions.
- Defense of corporations and of corporate directors and officers in shareholder derivative litigation.
- Defense of corporations and individuals in federal and state civil RICO litigation, including class actions.

## Education and Honors

- University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 1982)
- University of Maryland University College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1977)
  - Phi Kappa Phi
  - Alpha Sigma Lambda

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 1990
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1984
- Supreme Court of Arizona, 1983
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, 1983
- Maryland Court of Appeals, 1982

## Professional and Civic Activities

- American Bar Association (Member, Litigation Section; Chair, Trial by Jury Task Force, 1994–1995; Member, Class Actions and Derivative Suits Committee, 1991–present)
- Industrial Development Authority of the City of Chandler, Arizona (President, 2000–2005; Vice President, 1997–2000; Board Member, 1996–2006)
- Chandler Historical Society (Board Member, 2004–2008)
- Business Advisory Council, American Graduate School of International Management (Member, 1995–1996)
- Museum Advisory Board of the City of Chandler, Arizona (President, 2011–2013; Vice President, 2008–2011; Board Member, 2006–2013)
- Board of Adjustment of the City of Chandler, Arizona (Board Member, 2013–present)



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## Professional Recognition

- Featured in *Benchmark Litigation* (2015–present: Litigation Star)
- Listed in Arizona’s Top Lawyers list by *AZ Business Magazine* (2014: Estate and Trust Litigation)
- Listed in *Chambers USA*® (2011–2012, 2014–2016: Litigation)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2005–present: Bet-the-Company Litigation / Commercial Litigation / Tax Law)
- Selected for inclusion in the 2007–present *Southwest Super Lawyers*® lists (Business Litigation)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated