Holland & Hart



PRACTICES

Funds and Investment Management
Securities and Capital Markets
Mergers and Acquisitions
Corporate
Family Office and Trust Companies

EDUCATION

University of Denver, Daniels College of Business, M.S. Finance, 2014

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2013

Colorado College, B.A., 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

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Ryan's clients rely on his pragmatic approach to counseling on the formation, operation, and regulation of a variety of investment funds and their investment managers.

Ryan advises fund managers, investors, and sponsors across the full spectrum of alternative asset investments, including real estate, venture capital, private equity, and other specialized investment vehicles. From strategic discussions on fund structuring through the ongoing operation and regulation of private funds, he provides comprehensive counsel to clients navigating complex investment landscapes, including strategic fund and sponsor-level transactions. He regularly guides clients through sophisticated deal structures that involve multiple stakeholders and regulatory considerations. He also advises institutional investors in connection with evaluating investments in a variety of alternative investment strategies.

He assists his clients with state and federal securities compliance, corporate governance, and a variety of complex business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, restructurings, management reorganization, and joint ventures.

Ryan serves as Administrative Partner of the firm's Boulder office and as the co-chair of the Funds and Investment Management group.

EXPERIENCE

Funds and Investment Management

- Investment Advisors Act
- Investment Company Act
- Investment managers
- Fund formation
- Institutional investors
- Family offices
- Private equity funds
- Venture capital funds
- Credit funds
- Hedge funds

- Real estate funds
- Pooled equity vehicles
- Separately Managed accounts
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)

Securities and Capital Markets

- Securities Act
- Securities Exchange Act
- Registered offerings
- Private placements
- Financial reporting and disclosures
- National stock market listing and compliance

Governance and Transactions

- Corporate governance
- Partnerships
- Limited liability companies

PUBLICATIONS

"SEC Increases "Qualified Client" Thresholds for Performance Fees," *Investment Advisor Update*, July 20, 2026

"New SEC Rules Enhance Regulation of Private Fund Advisers," *Holland & Hart Legal Update*, September 14, 2023

"New Investment Adviser Marketing Rule Now in Effect," *Holland & Hart News Update*, November 8, 2022

"Proposed Reforms to Private Fund Adviser Regulation," *Holland & Hart News Update*, February 24, 2022

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"FUNDamentals: Preparing for Compliance with the New Marketing Rule," July 28, 2022

"FUNDamentals: Telling Your Story - The Private Placement Memorandum," April 27, 2022

"FUNDamentals: A Mid-Market Guide to the Fund Formation Process ," January 27, 2022

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®, Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, 2023-2025
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®, Corporate Law;

Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2024, 2025

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law, 2026-2027

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Environmental Learning for Kids, Board Member, Vice-Chair, 2018-2021, Chair, 2021-present
- ACG Denver Leadership 20 Program, 2021
- American Bar Association, Member
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Denver Bar Association, Member