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Ken Ryan represents insurers in coverage matters involving general liability, professional liability, D&O liability, employment practices liability, advertising injury liability, and bankruptcy-related insurance claims. He has litigated, arbitrated, and mediated many insurance coverage and other commercial disputes. Before such disputes arise, Ken assists insurance clients in developing practices, procedures, and policy language to address evolving risks, minimize coverage disputes, and avoid bad faith claims. He regularly advises clients on legislative, regulatory, commercial, and technological developments impacting the insurance industry, including federal and state legislation and executive orders regarding artificial intelligence (AI)-related developments, COVID-19 liabilities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations pertaining to environmental remediations, coal combustion residuals and greenhouse gas emissions, and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA).

BAR + COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia Bar
- Massachusetts Bar
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D.
 - Moot Court Board
- Boston College, B.A., *magna cum laude*

HONORS

- AV Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell's highest ranking by peers for general ethical standards and legal ability

EXPERIENCE

- Represented insurance clients on a multitude of environmental and toxic exposure coverage claims, including Superfund and Brownfields sites, asbestos property damage and bodily injury claims, fly ash claims, mold, and other “sick building” claims.
- Defended insurance clients on energy industry claims such as electric transmission grid and energy market errors, wind turbine and other “green” energy liabilities, hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and saltwater disposal exposures, catastrophic pipeline explosions and dam failures, salt dome leaks and collapses, and carbon combustion residual issues.
- Advised clients on emerging coverage issues, such as those arising from AI-product developments and integration, the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as e-commerce, cyber-attack, and other technology-related claims.
- Represented insurers regarding professional and general liability claims arising out of construction defects and design errors and omissions.
- Defended insurance claims involving individual and class-action employment claims.
- Represented insurers in bankruptcy proceedings and related coverage issues.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “AI Risk: Liability Expanding Statutes,” PLUS Webinar, May 14, 2026

PUBLICATIONS

- American Bar Association, AI Washing: The Next Wave of D&O Exposure, August 6, 2026
- Law360, 2026 State AI Bills That Could Expand Liability, Insurance Risk, January 13, 2026
- Law360, 2025 State AI Laws Expand Liability, Raise Insurance Risks, December 17, 2025
- Law360, How CGL Policies may Respond to Novel AI Psychosis Claims, November 6, 2025