



## Ryan Russell Kemper

Partner

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### PRACTICES

- Environmental
- Construction Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

### EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2005, Editor-in-Chief, Washington University Law Review
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., Biological Sciences, magna cum laude, 2000, B.A., Political Science, Departmental Honors, magna cum laude, 2000, Minor in Classics (Latin), Phi Beta Kappa

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Illinois USDC, Central District
- Illinois USDC, Southern District
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District
- Missouri USDC, Western District

### AFFILIATIONS

- Missouri Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Chair, Environmental & Conservation Law Committee, 2013-2014

Ryan is a problem-solver who works to create opportunities for clients dealing with environmental and energy issues, property disputes, commercial litigation, and government regulation and public policy matters.

For over a decade, Ryan has represented clients in litigation, regulatory and transactional matters arising under the full spectrum of federal, state, and local environmental laws. He has successfully handled permit proceedings, civil and criminal enforcement actions, administrative appeals, and a variety of lawsuits throughout the country. His clients include publicly-held companies, utilities, railroads, agricultural services companies, health care providers, cities, nonprofits, and privately held businesses.

Ryan's work for his clients involves a strategic approach that draws on his political and legislative experience at the Congressional and statehouse levels. After establishing a client's ultimate objectives, Ryan identifies the most effective tools for a given issue and then applies those tools in smart and timely ways throughout the matter, whether pursuing negotiation or mediation, marshaling external pressure, initiating government involvement, or engaging in litigation.

Ryan's environmental and energy practice has recently included particular experience with Clean Air Act matters. He has negotiated Title V operating permits, secured state and local construction permits, filed permit and other administrative appeals, drafted comments on various regulations including proposed MACT standards, and represented clients in investigations and enforcement throughout the country. He has also secured favorable regulatory decisions from the EPA for clients with complicated mobile source emissions issues. Additionally, Ryan advises clients with regard to climate change preparedness and sustainability.

In his property practice, Ryan currently handles indemnity and other cost-recovery suits as well as litigation regarding commercial sale and lease agreements. He also advises construction firms and developers on land use and regulatory matters, including questions involving planning, permitting, and zoning.

Ryan is a board member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis and sits on the Board's Public Policy Committee. He also is a longtime member of the

## EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2014-Present Associate, 2005-2013
- Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen Summer Associate, 2004
- Office of U.S. Congressman John M. Shimkus Congressional Fellow, 2003
- Illinois State Senate Legislative Staff, 2000-2002 Executive Committee Environment and Energy Committee

## COMMUNITY

- United Way of Greater St. Louis, Board of Directors, 2016-Present, Illinois Division Board Campaign Chair, 2016, Illinois Division Board of Directors, 2010-Present, Metro-East Services to Persons with Disabilities Allocation Panel, 2010-2015
- United Way of Greater St. Louis Public Policy Committee
- City of O'Fallon, Illinois, Appointed as Planning Commissioner by Mayor Gary Graham, 2016-Present
- St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, Member, Illinois Public Affairs Committee, 2007-Present
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc., Volunteer Lawyers Program, 2005-Present

United Way's Illinois Division Board and has volunteered for Legal Services of Eastern Missouri for over a decade. Ryan also serves on the school board of his daughters' parochial school and also serves as a Planning Commissioner for the City of O'Fallon, Illinois.

The St. Louis Business Journal honored Ryan as a part of its "40 under 40" class for 2017. He was also named to the 2017-2018 Class of Leadership St. Louis.

## Recognitions

- Leadership St. Louis, Class of 2017-2018
  - Selected for a nine-month immersion in the business/civic aspects of the St. Louis community as part of one of the most respected leadership development programs in the nation.
- 40 Under 40 honoree, St. Louis Business Journal, 2017
  - Honored as one of the top 40 business leaders under the age of 40 in St. Louis.
- Included in "Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers" Rising Stars list, 2009-2015 (by Thomson Reuters)
  - Environmental Litigation and Environmental Law

## Presentations

- "President Obama's Second Term & Energy Agenda"; Gateway Society of Hazardous Materials Managers Spring Seminar, St. Louis, MO, April 2013
- "The Client Consultant-Attorney Relationship: Making it Work from Start to Finish"; Crop Production Services' Technology Share Conference, Loveland, Colorado, May 2012
- "Accident Investigations: Collecting High Quality Information the Right Way"; Crop Production Services' EH&S Fall Staff Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, September 2011
- "Environmental Reports and Consultant Communications: Tips from a Legal Perspective"; Crop Production Services' Technology Share Conference, Loveland, Colorado, March 2011
- "Environmental Law 101: Just the 'Acts'"; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry Environmental Conference at the Lake, Osage Beach, Missouri, July 2010
- "President Obama's Green Team and the Administration's Environment and Energy Agenda: One Year Later"; Gateway Society of Hazardous Materials Managers Spring Seminar, St. Louis, MO, April 2010
- "Pending Federal Carbon Cap and Trade Legislation- H.R. 2454: The American Clean Energy and Security Act (panelist)"; Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois Board Meeting, Collinsville, IL, October 2009
- "The New Administration: What to Expect from President Obama's Green Team"; Chemical Industry Council of Illinois Seminar: The

Musical Chairs Surrounding Air Issues and the New Administration,  
Willowbrook, IL, March 2009

- "USEPA RCRA Enforcement Issues"; Chemical Industry Council of  
Illinois RCRA Seminar, Fairview Heights, IL, January 2009

**Publications**

- Ryan R. Kemper, Note, *Responding to Bioterrorism: An Analysis of  
Titles I & II of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness  
and Response Act of 2002*, 83 Washington University Law Quarterly  
385, 2005