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A partner in Dorsey’s Trial Group, with specific focus on construction and insurance and reinsurance industry-related matters, Bryan helps clients prosecute and defend complex commercial disputes in state court, federal court, and multiple arbitration forums.

Bryan has extensive experience with, and regularly represents clients in, matters litigated in state and federal courts and various arbitration forums, including the AAA or FINRA. He guides clients from case inception to conclusion, providing strategic advice to his clients.

He represents owners, developers, contractors, and subcontractors in construction and design-related disputes, whether before the AAA or courts, or in pre-dispute resolution proceedings. He is co-author of the Minnesota and South Dakota chapters of the *State-by-State Guide to Design and Construction Contracts and Claims* (Third Edition, 2023, and 2024 and 2025 annual supplements). His construction expertise and focus includes construction and property-related insurance matters, whether related to review, analysis, and evaluation of, or prosecuting claims under, builders’ risk insurance, property insurance, general liability insurance (including OCIP, CCIP, and other “wrap” insurance), and other applicable insurance. He is the co-author of *Chapter 8: Builder’s Risk Insurance* of the American Bar Association’s *Construction Insurance: A Guide for Attorneys and Other Professionals* (2nd Ed. 2026).

In addition to his construction-related advice and litigation practices, he regularly represents insurance broker and reinsurance broker clients, and their affiliates, in a variety of matters, whether representing brokers in connection with and against reinsurance broker-related claims and providing subject matter expertise and assistance.

Bryan also provides insurance coverage analysis and advice. His work for policyholder clients addresses numerous types of insurance lines, and ranges from assisting clients with assessing which policies may respond to a claim, tendering claims to insurers,

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., 2003)
 - *summa cum laude*
- Marquette University (B.A. in history, political science, social philosophy, 2000)
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Phi Beta Kappa;
Alpha Sigma Nu

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin
- Minnesota

reviewing and responding to insurer positions, negotiating with insurers over defense/reimbursement obligations and choice of counsel, coordinating coverage between different policies, and litigating coverage disputes. His work for insureds has included reviewing and evaluating coverage under a series of insurance lines (including general liability, property [and associated coverage for business income loss], builders' risk, umbrella and excess liability, directors and officers liability, errors and omissions [and other professional liability], and employment practices liability policies). He also has represented primary and excess insurers in coverage disputes with policyholders and other insurers.

Aside from his construction, (re)insurance broker, and insurance practices, he represents clients in a wide variety of other commercial litigation matters, whether related to the financial services and securities industries, data breaches, commercial contracts, or other matters.

In addition to his construction and insurance-related publications, he is an author of the *Cyber Insurance* chapter of the 2023 *Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook*. He also is a frequent contributor to and presenter for Minnesota CLE's In-House Counsel program.

Bryan also is committed to providing pro bono legal services. His pro bono legal work includes participating in Volunteer Lawyer Network's criminal expungement program, frequently representing clients seeking expungement of criminal offenses; representing non-profit organizations in litigation and construction matters, and providing advice to non-profit organizations regarding transaction and governance issues.

Select Experience

- Representation of reinsurance brokerage and placement agent firms against claims brought by debt investors of a gulf coast managing general agent.
- Representation of Metro Flood Diversion Authority in connection with claims brought by developer of flood diversion project.
- Representation of construction contractor in multi-party arbitration proceeding involving claims in excess of \$800 million; Bryan was a member of Dorsey's trial team that represented the client in a seven-week arbitration hearing.
- Representation of owners and developers in construction-related contracts and claims against contractors, designers, and sureties, including relating to health care, commercial, residential, and other projects.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Construction Section
- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association, Construction Section
- Board Member, Catholic Charities of the Twin Cities, Inc.
- Former Board Member of House of Charity, Inc.

Accolades

- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2014, 2016-2017, 2023-2025
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Future Star," 2021-2022, 2024
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Under 40 Hot List," 2016-2018
- "Client Choice for Excellence in Client Service," Minnesota, Litigation, 2018

Additional Information

Co-author, *Chapter 8: Builder's Risk Insurance* of the American Bar Association's *Construction Insurance: A Guide for Attorneys and Other Professionals* (2nd Ed. 2026)

Co-author, *Minnesota and South Dakota* chapters of the *State-by-State Guide to Design and Construction Contracts and Claims*, Third Edition, 2023 (and 2024 and 2025 annual supplements)

Author, *Cyber Insurance* chapter (Chapter 23) the 2023 *Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook*, 2023

Insights

December 21, 2020

Insurer Can Challenge Deal In Dickstein Malpractice Row

April 24, 2019

Dorsey Partner Bryan Keane Comments on SCOTUS Ruling on No Class Arbitration

February 15, 2018

Will New York Law Go the Way of Weedo: Tenth Circuit Predicts New York Court of Appeals Will Hold that Property Damage Caused by a Subcontractor's Defective

Workmanship Can Constitute an Occurrence Under a Contractor's CGL Policy