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What can I solve for you?

Clients and colleagues depend on my experience with public agencies and private litigants in the arenas of governance, business and commercial disputes, and real property matters. I offer insightful advice and counsel district administrators on various transactions as well as litigation strategies.

What's it like to work with me?

It's a privilege serving California's school and community college districts. The careful and effective representation of our clients is not a responsibility I take lightly. I use a personable approach to resolve complicated legal issues so that school administrators can remain mission-focused.

Overview

Ryan Donoghue is a member of the firm's Business, Facilities, and Real Estate group, based in the Sacramento office. He advises clients on governance, property, construction, and litigation matters, with a focus on strategic, durable solutions that safeguard their institutional interests.

Ryan represents school districts, joint powers authorities, and education agencies in a range of transactional and dispute resolution matters—including complex real estate deals, construction claims, administrative appeals, and cybersecurity-related litigation. His background representing both private litigants and public

agencies gives him a practical understanding of how legal risks intersect with our clients' operational demands.

Before joining F3, Ryan litigated in state and federal courts, developing expertise in motion practice, discovery strategy, and advocacy. As former counsel to school and community college districts, he guided clients through property acquisitions, facilities planning, and compliance issues involving the Public Records Act, Brown Act, CEQA, and FPPC regulations.

Ryan earned his J.D. from McGeorge School of Law, with a concentration in Water & Environmental Law. While at McGeorge, he clerked for California state agencies and was active in the Water Law Society and the Rugby Club. He holds a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe.

Involvement

Associations

- California Lawyers Association
- Sacramento County Bar Association

Recognition

- Humanities and Social Sciences Departmental Scholar Award 2016
- Sierra Nevada Review Editor's Award 2016

After School

For Ryan, not much beats strong coffee and open air—a fairway, a lift, or a trail. He also enjoys movies, music, and quiet evenings shared with the people (and pets) who matter most.

Education

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Nevada Reno at Lake Tahoe (B.A., English, *cum laude*)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District, California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District, California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District, California

Related Services

- Business
- Facilities & Construction
- Governance & Leadership
- Litigation
- Education Technology
- Real Estate & Property

Related Clients

- Public Education K-12
- Community Colleges