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PRACTICES Appellate, Litigation, Oil and Gas Litigation

Ryan Pitts represents clients in complex litigation matters, focusing on appellate advocacy. He began his legal career with clerkships at the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Ryan draws on these experiences to advocate for his clients using the clear, concise, and well-reasoned arguments that judges find persuasive, whether at critical trial moments or on appeal.

During law school, Ryan earned both a JD and a Master of Laws in International and Comparative law, while also serving as an editor of the Duke Law Journal. From his study of the world's legal systems, Ryan knows how to approach his clients' legal problems from different, and often unexplored, angles.

Ryan was selected as a member of the Houston Young Lawyers Association's Leadership Academy for 2018–2019. He currently serves on the Houston Young Lawyer's Association's Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Federal Bar Association, Houston Bar Association, and Texas Supreme Court Historical Society.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2017, cum laude; Editorial Board, *Duke Law Journal*
- B.A., University of Kentucky, 2014, summa cum laude

CLERKSHIPS

- 1/01/0001 - 1/01/0001
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, August 2018 - August 2019
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Gerald B. Tjoflat, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, August 2017 - August 2018

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "[The Timing of Record Supplements on Appeal](#)," author, Houston Bar Association's *The Appellate Lawyer*, April 29, 2022.
 - "[The Scope of Permissive Interlocutory Appeals in Texas](#)," author, Houston Bar Association's *The Appellate Lawyer*, January 21, 2022.
 - "[The Primary Jurisdiction Doctrine's 'Inherently Judicial' Boundary Under Texas Law](#)," author, Houston Bar Association's *The Appellate Lawyer*, October 28, 2021.
 - "[Straehla's Presumed Duties](#)," author, *The Houston Lawyer*, Volume 58 – Number 6, May/June 2021.
 - "Midstream Gas Gathering and Processing Agreements in Bankruptcy – A Hot Topic," presenter, Haynes and Boone, LLP's Oil Crash Course, October 14, 2020.
 - "Fifth Circuit Update," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, 2020–present.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, Fellow, Class 2020
- Houston Young Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, 2020-2021
- Houston Young Lawyers Association, Leadership Academy, 2018–2019