

## Ryan G. Weldon, Partner

Partner and Attorney Ryan G. Weldon is a seasoned trial lawyer whose work is recognized at the state, regional, and national levels. A former federal prosecutor, Ryan possesses extensive courtroom experience and is highly adept at handling complex, high-stakes legal matters. At Laird Cowley, Ryan handles civil litigation, corporate investigations and compliance, professional negligence, personal injury, real estate and construction litigation, and criminal defense.



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Throughout his career, Ryan has handled complex and consequential matters at the highest levels, earning a reputation for diligence, sound judgment, and integrity. Early on in his professional career, he worked as a Missoula Smokejumper, jumping out of the back end of airplanes to fight wildfires in remote areas throughout the West. Following law school, he clerked for United States District Court Judge Sam E. Haddon in Great Falls and Montana Supreme Court Justice Jim Rice in Helena.

Ryan served for more than fourteen years as an Assistant United States Attorney. During his tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office, he led and supervised teams of federal prosecutors handling matters involving violent crime, fraud, public corruption, and tax offenses. Ryan also oversaw the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit, which pursued civil actions involving healthcare and financial fraud, violations of the False Claims Act and Controlled Substances Act, and enforcement of environmental laws. His work required close collaboration with federal agencies, including the FBI, IRS, ATF, DEA, SEC, Offices of Inspector General, and intelligence agencies, and resulted in significant prosecutions and civil actions throughout Montana and nationwide. In recognition of his work, Ryan received a formal award from the United States Attorney General in Washington, D.C.

As a Partner at Laird Cowley, Ryan works closely with clients to guide them through difficult and high-stakes situations with clarity, efficiency, and focus.

### Education

- Master of Science (M.S.), Resource Conservation, University of Montana, summa cum laude (2010)
- Juris Doctor (J.D.), University of Montana School of Law, with honors (2009)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), English, Dickinson State University, summa cum laude (2005)

### Bar Admission

- State and Federal Courts of Montana
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court