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Carolyn Purwin Ryan is a partner in our Philadelphia office. Her areas of concentration include life science litigation, products liability, food contamination, cybersecurity, medical malpractice litigation and media law.

Ms. Ryan is the co-chair of the Cybersecurity, Information Privacy and Data Security Team. Clients in the healthcare sector and other industries have become concerned about cybersecurity and privacy issues, breach preparedness and response. Ms. Ryan serves as a breach counsel to companies in various areas including health care institutions and providers, municipalities, professional services, retail, technology and financial institutions. She provides legal counsel and leads response investigations working with companies IT departments, forensics and vendors to advise on notification, guidance in governmental investigations, mitigation and restoration services. Ms. Ryan counsels clients on development of risk assessment policies, vendor agreement analysis and implementation of data privacy practices. She also aids clients in incident response planning, including table top exercises, assessment of regulatory compliance requirements and inquiries from regulators on both the state and federal levels, and represents clients in litigation focusing on data breaches and data security, information technology, technology failures, implementation of developed software, cloud computing related issues, and IT outsourcing agreements.



Ms. Ryan serves as counsel in several state and federal mass tort litigations representing manufacturers and distributors of pharmaceuticals, medical publishers, clinical trial companies, cardiac devices, prosthetics, generic drugs, hip and knee implants, plasma and blood related products and treatments, defibrillators, cosmetic skin lasers, vision devices, surgical mesh, bone screws, morcellators and various surgical devices. She also focuses her practice on the litigation of professional liability matters where she represents health care systems, hospitals, physicians, nurses, dentists and other health care providers in complex cases involving catastrophic injuries. She serves as national counsel for domestic and international companies.

Ms. Ryan was named a *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star* in 2018, 2019 and 2020 for Mass Tort Defense. She is an active member of the Defense Research Institute and the American Health Lawyers Association, and was recently appointed Co-Chair of the Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Program Subcommittee of the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) for 2020 - 2021. She is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Committee and its Health Care Law Committee, and a member of the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession.

Ms. Ryan is admitted to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court of New Jersey and the U.S. Tax Court.

She received her bachelor's degree in Health Studies/Pre-Med from Georgetown University in 2002 and her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law in 2007. Ms. Ryan also received an LL.M. in Taxation from Villanova University in 2009.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Cybersecurity, Privacy, & Data Protection
- Employment

- Life Sciences
- Long-Term Care
- Mass Tort Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability

EDUCATION

Georgetown University (B.S., 2002)

Villanova University School of Law (J.D., 2007)

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