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Bryan litigates and arbitrates construction disputes, insurance coverage battles, and reinsurance broker claims so that owners, contractors, and brokers can resolve high-stakes conflicts and move forward with confidence.

Bryan brings that full-spectrum capability to bear across state and federal courts and major arbitration forums — including the American Arbitration Association (AAA) — guiding clients from case inception through final resolution. He represents owners, developers, general contractors, and subcontractors in construction and design disputes, whether those matters proceed before the AAA, in court, or through pre-dispute resolution proceedings. Bryan 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).

Bryan's construction practice extends into construction-related insurance, where he advises and litigates on behalf of owners, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers in matters involving builders' risk, property, general liability — including owner-controlled insurance programs (OCIPs), contractor-controlled insurance programs (CCIPs), and other wrap insurance — and professional liability policies. For policyholder clients, he helps assess which policies respond to a claim, tenders claims to insurers, negotiates defense and reimbursement obligations, coordinates coverage across multiple policies, and litigates coverage disputes when necessary. He has also represented primary and excess insurers in coverage disputes with policyholders and other insurers. Bryan is the co-author of Chapter 8: Builder's Risk Insurance in the American Bar Association's Construction Insurance: A Guide for Attorneys and Other Professionals (2nd Ed. 2026).

Beyond construction, Bryan defends and advises insurance brokers and reinsurance broker intermediaries in a wide variety of matters, including contract and tort disputes (including professional negligence claims), with matters litigated across multiple state and federal jurisdictions.

Education

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

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin
- Minnesota

Bryan's commercial litigation practice also reaches into the financial services and securities industries, where he represents broker-dealers in FINRA customer arbitrations and publicly traded companies and their officers and directors in shareholder class action lawsuits before district and appellate courts. He has also defended clients in data breach proceedings.

Bryan is an author of the Cyber Insurance chapter of the 2023 Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook (chapter update forthcoming in 2027) and is a frequent contributor and presenter for Minnesota CLE's In-House Counsel program.

Bryan is committed to pro bono service. He participates in the Volunteer Lawyer Network's criminal expungement program, represents nonprofit organizations in litigation and construction matters, and advises nonprofits on transaction and governance issues.

Select Experience

- Represented construction contractor as a member of Dorsey's trial team in a multi-party AAA arbitration involving claims in excess of \$800 million, through a seven-week arbitration hearing; helped client obtain nine figure recovery
- Represented a diversion authority in connection with disputes with the developer of a flood diversion project.
- Represented contractor in a dispute with a designer arising under a teaming agreement; secured dismissal of the designer's claims following a one-week AAA arbitration proceeding.
- Represented 8(a) contractor in connection with numerous federal project disputes involving the federal government and various subcontractors and their sureties.

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

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2027
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Future Star," 2021-2022, 2024, 2026
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2014, 2016-2017, 2023-2025
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024

- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Under 40 Hot List," 2016-2018
- "Client Choice for Excellence in Client Service," Minnesota, Litigation, 2018

Legal Writings

- 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