



# Peter J. Ryan

## Associate

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### Education

University of Notre Dame, J.D. 2014  
University of Southern California,  
Bachelor of Arts, 2010

### Bars + Courts

California  
United States District Court of  
California, Central

### Memberships

Ventura County Bar Association

Peter Ryan is an associate attorney with Hunt Ortmann Palffy Nieves Darling & Mah, Inc. and specializes in the fields of construction, insurance, real estate, and business. Mr. Ryan's practice includes the representation of clients in the areas of contractual disputes, general liability, as well as business and complex tort litigation. His insurance practice includes the representation of carriers in coverage disputes, bad faith litigation, and contribution matters between insurers. Mr. Ryan also assists in attorney fee disputes and all aspects of claim monitoring. He has experience in every aspect of litigation and alternative dispute resolution including first chair experience in arbitration and mediation. Mr. Ryan also assists clients in negotiation and documentation of commercial and residential real estate transactions – including purchase agreements, lease agreements, carryback notes, and options.

Before joining our team here at Hunt Ortmann, Mr. Ryan worked for a professional law corporation where he gained valuable experience in general corporate issues, land use, as well as tort litigation. Prior to this, Mr. Ryan worked for one of the Big Four accounting firms where he practiced in the areas of international tax and transfer pricing. In law school Mr. Ryan served as the Executive Articles Editor of the Journal of Legislation and represented pro-bono clients in home foreclosure and predatory lending actions as a certified student legal intern at the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center.

### Representative Work

- Successful track record resolving claims in mediation with favorable results for clients.
- Successfully represented large hospital contractor against curtain wall subcontractor securing judgment in excess of \$500,000 following arbitration.
- Recovery of over \$400,000 disgorgement award against Contractor in favor of Owners following arbitration.
- Representation of Optionee in action against Optionor in dispute over the terms of sale and financing of a substantially appreciated, multi-million dollar, commercial property culminating in the successful SBA financing and purchase of the Property by Optionees.
- Represented steel erector in dispute with fabricator and general contractor. Successfully defended and brought counter claims, resulting in over \$100,000 settlement in favor of steel erector.
- Resolved via summary judgment land use/tort action in favor of defendant clients and secured an award of attorney's fees.

- Assisted developer in successfully disposing of claims by and HOA under the Right to Repair Act pre-litigation proceedings.
- Helped clients navigate and represented clients in DIR investigations preventing assessment of penalties and successfully arguing for the waiver of existing penalties.

## **News + Publications**

- Stay Your Mechanic's Lien Foreclosure Action – Or Waive Arbitration Rights On All Your Claims
- Montrose and Horizontal or Vertical Exhaustion: Is the Long-Tail (Claim) Wagging the Dog?
  - Not An All-Or-Nothing Proposition – Active Negligence May Not Preclude Indemnity Rights