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Ryan Aloysius Smith is a member of the firm's Litigation practice group, where he counsels clients on a variety of criminal and civil matters.

A skilled legal writer, Ryan has served as the primary author on a variety of motions, briefs and petitions, including successful suppression motions, motions to dismiss, habeas corpus petitions, bail motions, evidentiary motions and motions for return of property. He also has experience drafting and editing petitions for relief under the Post-Conviction Relief Act, and has represented clients at preliminary arraignments, bail hearings, preliminary hearings and juvenile detention hearings.

In his civil practice, Ryan regularly represents clients in a range of commercial disputes, from breach of contract to theft of trade secrets and high-stakes litigation in heavily regulated industries. He has drafted numerous briefs in connection with discovery disputes and in preparation for trial.

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Ryan worked as an associate attorney, legal writer and legal assistant at other Philadelphia-area law firms.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ryan founded and served as lead writer for the organization Law Students for Equitable Responses to COVID-19. As such, he authored a King's Bench petition that raised a novel as-applied constitutional challenge to the administration of the October 2020 online bar exam, and spearheaded a statewide initiative to secure an equitable alternative.

His background also includes a variety of clerkships and internships for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas under the Hon. Sierra Thomas Street, the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Montgomery County (Pennsylvania) Public Defender Office, the Defender Association of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office in the Conviction Integrity Unit.

EDUCATION

- Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2020)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Temple Law Review (Research Editor and Staff Editor)
 - Political & Civil Rights Society (Editor-in-Chief and Events Coordinator)

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Appellate

Internal Investigations and

Regulatory Compliance

Litigation

Securities Regulation and

Litigation

White-Collar Criminal Defense

and Government

Investigations

Health Care and Life Sciences

Higher Education

ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

- National Lawyers Guild, Week Against Mass Incarceration (Chairperson)
- Survey of Legal Topics (Teaching Assistant)
- Villanova University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2017)
 - Political Science with Concentration in Philosophy
 - Minors in History and Communication (Rhetorical Studies)
 - The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
 - Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Philadelphia Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild

ACCOLADES

- Louis M. Natali Prize for Criminal Defense Advocacy
- Arthur G. Raynes Award (First Place)
- The J. Howard Reber Memorial Award (Writing)
- Jerry Zaslow Memorial Award
- Beasley Scholarship (Full-Tuition Scholarship)
- Distinguished Class Performance (Criminal Law I, Criminal Procedure I, Federal Criminal Law, Jurisprudence, Cyberprivacy Law)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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