

Professor Rory Ryan

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Teaching Experience & Scholarship

Baylor Law School:

Professor (2010-Present), Associate Professor (2007-2010), Assistant Professor (2004-2007). Courses Taught: Federal Courts, Contracts, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Appellate Procedure & Advocacy, Appellate Practice Seminar, Conflicts of Law, Civil Appeals

Outstanding Professor Award for tenure-track research in 2008.

Publications:

Why Courts Should Enforce No-Assignment Clauses in Oil and Gas Leases (in progress, with Luke Meier);

Superficial Clarity in Gunn v. Minton (in progress with Claire Neill)

Interlocutory Review of Orders Denying Remand Motions, 63 BAYLOR L. REV. 734 (2011) (With Luke Meier and Jeremy Counsellor)

It's Just Not Worth Searching for Welcome Mats with a Kaleidoscope and a Broken Compass, 75 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 659 (2008).

The Restyling of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: A Solution in Search of a Problem: SLIP OPINIONS, WASH. U. L. REV, http://washulrev.blogspot.com/2007_11_01_archive.html (with Jeremy Counsellor).

Consistent Deeming: A Cohesive Construction of 28 U.S.C. § 1332 in Cases Involving International Corporations and Permanent-Resident Aliens, 3 SETON HALL CIR. REV. 73 (Fall 2006) (has been discussed in a national textbook, cited by the leading procedure treatise, and its approach has been adopted by the Seventh Circuit).

Navigating the Bylaw Maze in NCAA Major-Infractions Cases, 37 SETON HALL LAW REVIEW 749 (2007) (has been cited by two national textbooks and a court) (with Mike Rogers).

No Welcome Mat, No Problem: Federal Questions Jurisdiction after Grable, 80 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 621 (SPRING 2006) (has been cited multiple times by the leading procedure treatise).

Uncertifiable: The Current Status of Nationwide State-Law Class Actions, 54 BAYLOR L. REV. 467 (2002) (has been cited 36 times by courts and commentators).

Other Scholarly Activity:

Lead Counsel, Author, Amicus Brief on behalf of interested law professors, *Gunn v. Minton* (asking United States Supreme Court to revisit arising-under jurisdiction).

Lead Counsel, Co-Author, Amicus Brief on behalf of interested law professors, *In re Crystal Power Co* (No. 11-40115) (asking the 5th Circuit to reform its mandamus jurisprudence for both precedential and policy reasons) (2011)

Co-Author, Amicus Brief, *Dillon v. United States*, writing to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the Washington Legal Foundation. (2010 term)

Amicus Letter, *OAIC Commercial Assets, LLC v. Stonegate Village* (urging the Texas Supreme Court to reformulate the standing component of its justiciability doctrine) (2009 term).

Committee, University, and Community Service

Committee and Advocacy Work: Member: Law School Academic Standards Committee, Law School Student-Relations Committee, Law School Web Committee, Law School Marketing Committee, Law School Admissions Planning Committee, Interscholastic Advocacy Committee, University Disciplinary Committee; Coach, National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team; Faculty Advisor, Intraschool Moot-Court Competition; Co-advisor, *BAYLOR LAW REVIEW*.

Other: I led an eventually successful effort to revise the law school's then-outdated grading scale. I was hand-picked by the University President to coordinate and revise Baylor's NCAA Self-Study Report; the Report received an almost unprecedented "no issues finding." I founded an appellate-practice clinic at Baylor and was recently elected by graduating students to give the Invocation.

Community Service: Court Appointed Special Advocate for Foster Children; Lecturer, People's Law School; Advisory Board Member, Waco Legal Assistance Project; Speaker, Waco Lifetime Learning Project; Speaker, Waco Community Outreach Program; Lobbyist/Consultant, Happy Endings Dog Rescue.

Legal Education

JD, *summa cum laude*, Baylor University School of Law (2003).

Graduated first in class (1/113), *summa cum laude*; Earned the "High A" in 21 classes.

Served as Senior Executive Editor of the *BAYLOR LAW REVIEW*; Participated on several interschool moot-court teams; Assisted many professors with research and drafting; Won award for best student publication.

Previous Legal Employment:

Law Clerk

Hon. C. Arlen Beam, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Summer Clerkships:

Baker Botts, L.L.P., Dallas, TX (accepted associate position before receiving unapplied-for teaching offer); Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP, Austin, TX; Hunton & Williams, LLP, Dallas, TX.

Undergraduate Education

Morningside College, Sioux City, IA. Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, Economics (2000). Earned letters in both football and baseball in NCAA Division II competition; Earned honorable-mention, All North Central Conference Honors.

Interests

Fantasy Football, Behavioral Economics, My Family (in no particular order).