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Biography

Ryan Brannan is founder and principle of the Brannan Firm, an Austin, Texas based governmental and regulatory affairs law firm. Ryan brings over a decade of legal and government experience to the firm.

Prior to founding the Brannan Firm, Ryan served in the executive branch of state government for almost a decade. A three-time gubernatorial appointee, Ryan has been appointed by both Governor Greg Abbott and Governor Rick Perry to serve as the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation. Prior to his appointments, he served as an advisor to Governor Rick Perry in the Office of Budget, Planning and Policy. In this capacity, he advised the Governor on a wide range of budget and policy issues including all lines of insurance, public health, tort reform and legal issues, land use and eminent domain, as well as gaming and racing.

Before serving in the executive branch, Ryan advocated in the capitol and wrote extensive position papers for both the Texas Public Policy Foundation and Dallas County Republican Party. His subject areas of expertise ranged from insurance legislation and litigation issues to electricity markets and telecommunications. He also worked with the Governor's economic develop team and legislative budget committees to ensure favorable outcomes for Texas businesses. His work has been published or mentioned in at least 16 periodicals, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Texas Lawyer*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Houston Chronicle*, and the *Austin-American Statesman*. He began his public policy career in the D.C. offices of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Ryan also has experience both as a practicing attorney and as a business owner. He has represented clients on all aspects of commercial and insurance litigation in private practice and served as a co-founder and director of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. He has served on numerous boards and committees.

He received a B.A. and M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University and a law degree from the University of Oklahoma. He is a current member of the Texas State Bar and Austin Bar Association. Ryan currently lives in Austin with his wife and two daughters, and is active in the Austin Baptist Church.