

A man with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a blue suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small white pattern. He is standing in an office environment. In the background, there are white office cabinets and a desk with a computer monitor, keyboard, and mouse. A large red L-shaped graphic is positioned in the top left and bottom right corners of the image.

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McKenzie.**

From summer
CLERK
to **PARTNER**

What makes a successful legal career? Ryan Grant's journey at Baker McKenzie



Ryan joined the firm in 2005 as a summer clerk and was recently promoted to partner in 2021.

Earlier in his career, Ryan had the opportunity to spend ten years focusing on media disputes (including copyright and defamation), working closely with the head of the Firm's media practice.

Ryan went on to complete a 12 month secondment to Optus, standing in for an Optus Deputy General Counsel. His Optus secondment has meant that he is a very effective practitioner - understands exactly what in-house counsel require and knows how to deliver, including budgetary rigour and easy to understand and tailored advices.

Following his secondment to Optus, Ryan returned to the disputes group to focus more on information technology and other commercial disputes following his secondment. Ryan's has cultivated a considerable specialisation in media and technology related disputes.

Ryan has a degree in Information Technology and has worked for 12+ years in media and technology related matters and is recognised, internally as well as externally, as a genuine expert in those areas.

Ryan is the is the current Vice President of the Communications and Media Law Association (CAMLA). In his role as Vice President of CAMLA he was also the MC for that organisation's annual awards function.

Several senior partners, along with the Firm's managing partner - coach, develop and mentor Ryan across disputes and TMT. These partners are deeply invested in Ryan's future success.

Ryan currently mentors junior lawyers in his team and actively seeks to create career pathways for these younger team members.





Ryan is a passionate advocate for better mental health outcomes and wellbeing in the law. He is an empathic leader, who keenly wants his fellow team members to succeed and thrive.

In late 2017/early 2018 Ryan took long service leave and full time parental leave, in order to become primary carer - one of the first men to do so at Baker McKenzie.



Ryan's life outside the Firm is one of dedicated husband and father to Henry and he enjoys hobbies such as car racing.

Baker McKenzie's national managing partner stated: "Ryan has an enviable background in technology, providing clients with world class legal advice relating to data protection, copyright, misleading or deceptive conduct, defamation and general commercial disputes involving complex technology. He is an exceptional lawyer who has proven ability to service our clients' needs."

In response, Ryan commented: "Baker McKenzie has afforded me every opportunity to advance my career and invested in me, both professionally and personally. The Firm's culture of friendship has been apparent at every stage of my journey and I am a proud brand ambassador."

