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education and year of call

- Called to the British Columbia bar - 2007
- University of British Columbia, LLB - 2006
- University of British Columbia, B.Sc. (Hons. Biochemistry) - 2000

practice areas

business law

unilateral conduct and distribution practices

negotiated transactions

regulatory compliance

industries

transportation

rail

marine

trucking

terminals

profile

Ryan Gallagher is a lawyer in McMillan's Vancouver office and is a member of the firm's Competition Group and Transportation Group. Ryan's practice focuses on transportation and logistics with a particular emphasis on the rail industry. Ryan has particular experience in counseling, negotiating, and attending to regulatory and arbitration matters involving rates and conditions of service on and with Class I railways on behalf of some of the largest shippers and rail-users in Canada. Ryan also has assisted the firm's clients with various commercial negotiations, regulatory submissions before the Canadian Transportation Agency, industrial property development issues as well as environmental permitting and approval issues.

Ryan also practices competition law, including merger reviews, and supports the firm's *Investment Canada Act* practice.

Prior to joining the firm, Ryan was an associate in a firm focused on railway regulatory matters.

directorships and professional associations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Vancouver Bar Association
- Canadian Transportation Research Forum

representative matters

Ryan was a member of the firm's team on the following transportation matters:

- Fortress Investment Group (NYSE:FIG) in connection with the formation of Central Maine & Québec Railway and [purchase](#) of the assets of bankrupt Montreal, Maine &

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Atlantic railway, following derailment at Lac-Mégantic, Québec (July 6, 2013)

- Teck Coal vs. Canadian Pacific Railway, final offer arbitrations (May and June 2009)
- Teck Resources Limited, [agreement](#) with Westshore Terminals Limited (2012)
- Teck Resources Limited and affiliates before the Federal Rail Freight Service Review, Transport Canada (2010-2013)
- Canpotex Limited and related entities in rail transportation services with Canadian National Railway Company
- Canpotex Limited and related entities in rail transportation services with Canadian Pacific Railway Company
- Canpotex Limited and related entities in rail transportation services with Union Pacific Railroad

Ryan was also a member of the firm's regulatory team on the following recent transactions:

- Thoma Bravo, LLC, in its [acquisition](#) of TRADER Corporation (autoTRADER) for C\$1.575 billion (2016)
- Tahoe Resources Inc., in its business [combination](#) with Lake Shore Gold Corp. (2016)
- Plentyoffish Media Inc. in its [acquisition](#) by The Match.com Group for US \$575 million (2015)
- The WhiteWave Foods Company in its US\$550 million [acquisition](#) of Sequel Naturals Ltd. (2015)

awards and rankings

- Recognized by *Chambers Canada (2020)* as a leading lawyer in the area of Transportation: Rail and Road
- Recognized by *Chambers Canada (2019)* as a leader in Transportation: Rail & Road

publications

July 2019

Don't Count Your Efficiencies Before They Hatch: Exploring The Factors That Impact A Railway's Operating Ratio
Transportation Bulletin

June 2019

The Transport Finance Law Review – Edition 5

May 2019

Operating Ratio as a Measure of Railway Operating Efficiency



June 2018

The Transport Finance Law Review – Edition 4

June 2017

Investment Canada Act Threshold Increases to \$1 Billion (Cdn)
Competition Bulletin

June 2017

Bill C-49: Some Welcome Improvements to Rail Service Level
Arbitration
Transportation Bulletin

May 2017

Bill C-49: Is the Line Haul Interswitching Remedy Really New?
Transportation Bulletin

May 2017

Bill C-49: Government of Canada Proposes to Amend the
Canada Transportation Act
Transportation Bulletin

April 2017

Investment Canada Act Threshold Increase - \$1 Billion (Cdn)
Competition Bulletin

January 2017

Canadian Transportation Agency Closes Railway Capital
Structure Consultation
Transportation Bulletin

August 2016

The Govt of Canada Extends the *Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act*
Transportation Bulletin

May 2016

Rail Level of Service Decisions and Shipper Service
Requirements
North American Transport Challenges in an Era of Change,
Proceedings of the 51st Annual Conference of the Canadian
Transportation Research Forum, Toronto, Ontario

April 2016

Will the Government of Canada Extend the *Fair Rail for Grain
Farmers Act*?
Transportation Bulletin

April 2016

Final Report: *Canada Transportation Act* Review – Part II (Rail
Freight Traffic)
Transportation Bulletin



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March 2016

Final Report: *Canada Transportation Act* Review
Transportation Bulletin

June 2015

Update: *Safe and Accountable Rail Act* Receives Royal Assent
Transportation Bulletin

May 2015

Risk Shifting as use of Market Power: Transportation of
Dangerous Goods

Another 50 Years: Where To From Here?, Proceedings of
the 50th Annual Conference of the Canadian Transportation
Research Forum, Montreal, Quebec

Spring 2015

Canadian Regulation of Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions
in the Transportation Sector

American Bar Association's Transportation and Energy
Industries Committee Newsletter

February 2015

Update: Government of Canada Proposes to Change Federal
Railway Liability Regime
Transportation Bulletin