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Overview

Ryan Crayne helps clients craft effective estate plans, allowing families to transition, and protect wealth for future generations. He develops a deep understanding of each individual situation to provide creative solutions that account for all eventualities while dealing with often difficult or uncomfortable topics.

Ryan represents clients in the areas of trusts and estates, taxation and family law, with deep experience representing clients of all sizes both in transactional and litigation settings. This includes estate and gift planning through will-based and trust-based plans; life insurance planning and premium financed transactions; asset protection; estate and trust administration; charitable giving; business succession; income tax planning; retirement benefits; litigated trust, estate and tax matters; elder law; disability and special needs planning; education planning; and family limited partnerships and business entities. Ryan is also a CPA.

Education

- University of Notre Dame Law School, 1993 (J.D.)
- University of South Dakota, 1990 (B.S.)

Bar Admissions

- North Dakota, 2009
- Minnesota, 1999
- Wisconsin, 1999
- South Dakota, 1993
- Iowa, 1993

Court Admissions

- U.S. Tax Court, 2012

Community Involvement

- Therese Catholic Church, Member
- Kenny Family Park, Board Member

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Tax Law, 2025
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*, Law & Politics, 2005–2006
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Law & Politics, 2002–2004

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Wisconsin State Bar Association
- Iowa State Bar Association
- Nebraska State Bar Association
- South Dakota Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Ramsey County Bar Association, Tax Section, Past Co-Chair
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- American Association of Attorney-CPAs
- South Dakota CPA Society
- Minnesota CPA Society