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Ryan Lamb is a member of the firm's Business and Tax Practice Group, where he primarily practices business and tax law, immigration, real estate, estate planning, and franchise services. Ryan possesses unique expertise in franchise law where he assists franchisors with registration throughout the U.S. and the development and maintenance of their franchise distribution systems.

In the area of immigration law, Ryan advises and represents domestic and foreign clients in both business and personal immigration matters, providing services to domestic corporations, employers of foreign national employees, executives, institutions of higher education and individuals. He is a frequent speaker on this topic, having presented seminars to trade organizations and employer groups including *Employer Compliance and Sanctions in Immigration: Who can I hire and how do I satisfy reporting requirements in a time of heightened enforcement?*

Ryan also represents a variety of businesses in ownership, general operation, contracts and tax matters, with particular expertise in the creation and representation of condominium developments and their corresponding associations. In addition, he counsels individuals wishing to utilize gift leveraging techniques, family limited partnerships and family limited liability companies in meeting their estate planning goals.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented numerous buyers and sellers in asset or stock acquisitions ranging from \$200,000 to \$10 million

### PRACTICE AREAS

Agri-Business  
Business & Tax  
Business Succession Planning  
Estate Planning  
Immigration Law  
Deal Team - Mergers & Acquisitions  
Real Estate Development  
Trusts & Estates  
Business Contracts  
Business Law  
Entity Selection, Organization & Planning  
Family Owned Businesses  
Federal Taxation  
Real Estate Law  
Tax Law

### EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1999  
Michigan State University, B.A., Finance, 1996

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

- Drafting and implementation of a wide variety of business contracts, including non-compete agreements, e-commerce transactions, software development agreements, manufacturer's representative agreements, distributor agreements, and supply agreements.
- Successfully obtained immigration benefits for individuals previously denied at service, trial, and appellate levels.
- Represented seller in sale of more than \$20 million real estate complex, including partial charitable gifts and partial 1031 exchange of proceeds.
- Coordination, planning and implementation of numerous mixed use, multi-phase condominium development projects with shared resources and amenities.
- Coordination, planning and implementation of private utility companies for residential developments.
- Successfully obtained immigration benefits for individuals previously denied at service, trial and appellate levels.
- Represented numerous buyers, sellers, and owners of Lake Michigan waterfront property in acquisitions, sales and construction transactions as well as in use and riparian authorizations and disputes.
- Represented family LLCs as owners of family cottages and waterfront property, including all related succession planning aspects.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Demystifying TN Visas**, *Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference*, February 2, 2023

**Business Legal Issues: Choice of Entity & Essential Contract Terms**, *Lakeshore Home Builder's Association (HBA)*, March 19, 2020

**Business Legal Issues: Choice of Entity & Essential Contract Terms**, *Lakeshore Home Builders Association*, April 20, 2018

**Legal Considerations of Succession Planning**, December 8, 2016

**Business Succession Planning**, *Lakeshore Home Builders Association*, August 12, 2016

**Utilizing MSU's International Student Talent to Further Your International Business Ventures**, *Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan*, November 19, 2015

### **HONORS & RECOGNITIONS**

*Best Lawyers in America*®  
2021-2024 - Business Organizations  
(including LLCs and Partnerships)



**I-9 Compliance**, *Michigan Agri-Business Association*, January 2014

**International Student Entrepreneurship: Immigration Options**, *Michigan State University Explore Entrepreneurship Program (International Student Forum: Introduction to Issues, Opportunities & Resources)*, February 24, 2012

**Practical Steps to Acquiring International Interns & New Hires**, *Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan*, January 25, 2012

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Final Rule Issued on H-2A Visa Regulations**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, November 9, 2022

**2020 Deadline & Procedural Changes for H-1B VISA—Fiscal Year 2021 CAP Season**, *Foster Swift Business & Tax Law E-blast*, January 28, 2020

**The E Visa - Benefiting International Companies and Investors**, *Foster Swift Business & Corporate Law News*, October 31, 2016

**Addressing Labor Shortages With Temporary Agricultural Workers**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law News*, February 29, 2016

**I-9 Compliance – 2015 Updates & Planning Items**, *Foster Swift Business & Corporate Law News*, September 30, 2015

**Estate Tax Trusts – Don't Disinherit a Surviving Spouse!**, July 2013

**New Agricultural Guestworker Act Proposed in House**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, June 2013

**Can I benefit from the Ag Exemption?**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, May 2013

**I-9 Compliance - 2013 Updates & Planning Items**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 2013

**I-9 Compliance & E-Verify – A Potentially Useful Tool, But Not A Substitute For A Comprehensive Compliance Policy**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, January 2012

**Estate Tax Trusts - Don't Disinherit a Surviving Spouse!**, *Special Alert - Estate Planning*

**The Basics of H-2A Visas For Temporary Agricultural Workers**, *Foster Swift Agricultural Law Update*, May 2011

**An E-2 Visa is an Attractive Option for Foreign Investors**, *Foster Swift Business & Corporate Law Report*, Winter 2011

## **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

### **Legal Affiliations:**

- Grand Rapids Bar Association, Business & Taxation Section, Past Chairman
- American Immigration Lawyers Association

### **Industry & Professional Associations:**

- Business Network International, Holland I Chapter, Past President
- Lakeshore Leadership Association, Past President



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**Community Involvement:**

- Deerview Estates Condominium Association, Past President

**RECENT BLOG POSTS**

**Health Care Law Blog**

Visa Options for Foreign Nurses and Legislative Update