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Ryan P. Barry received his B.A., with honors, from the University of Connecticut and his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. During law school, he worked as a Judicial Extern for United States District Court Judge Dominic J. Squatrito. He was also selected to membership on The Connecticut Law Review and is the author of "ERISA's Purpose: The Conveyance of Information from Trustee to Beneficiary," 31 Conn. L. Rev. 735 (1999).

Attorney Barry is admitted to practice law in the State of Connecticut, the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, the Manchester Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys.

Practice Highlights

Prior to forming the firm, Attorney Barry practiced law with the Hartford law firm of Moukawsher & Walsh, LLC. His practice concentrated in the areas of civil and commercial litigation, including general insurance defense and personal injury, and he has represented insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions in various areas of commercial litigation.

Attorney Barry has experience in bench and jury trials in the State of Connecticut. He has first-chaired and second-chaired numerous trials and hearings before courts and state agencies. He has represented individuals, small businesses and major corporations before the Superior Court, Appellate Court and Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut. He has also argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York City.

Today, Attorney Barry's civil practice focuses on class actions, municipal law, commercial litigation and workers' compensation defense. Attorney Barry is also a seasoned criminal litigator, having handled hundreds of cases in Connecticut's state and federal courts. He regularly handles some of the most difficult cases in which his clients have been charged with serious felonies, such as murder, armed robbery, home invasion, manslaughter, rape, risk of injury to a minor, child pornography and all types of drug cases. Attorney Barry represents several lenders in residential real estate matters. He also serves as Town Attorney for the Town of Manchester and as a corporator for the Eastern Connecticut Health Network and United Bank.

Politics, Community and Family

In November 2002, Attorney Barry was elected to the Connecticut legislature as the State Representative for the 12th Assembly District representing Manchester. During his tenure in the state legislature, Attorney Barry served as a member of the Finance, Revenue & Bonding, Judiciary and Banks Committees. He was Chairman of the Banks Committee for 4 years and a former member of the Finance Committee's subcommittee on bonding. During this time, he was responsible for crafting various pieces of legislation.

Since 2013, Attorney Barry has been a Commissioner on the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission. He also is a member of the Regional Advisory Board for Manchester Community College. He resides in Manchester with

his wife, Lisa, and their children, Ryan Jr., Caroline and Henry. Lisa is an Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut Health Center's Center on Aging and formerly served as an Assistant Professor at the Yale School of Medicine.

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut, 2000
- U.S. District Court District of Connecticut, 2000
- United States Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, 2014

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, Connecticut
 - J.D., Connecticut Law Review, Member, 1998 - 1999
- University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
 - B.A., Cum Laude

Published Works

- Opinion Regarding Filling a Vacancy in the Office of The Mayor (April 14, 2014)
- ERISA's Purpose: The Conveyance of Information from Trustee to Beneficiary, Connecticut Law Review, 31 Conn. L. Rev. 735 (1999)

Representative Clients

- Town of Manchester
- City of Middletown
- Connecticut Bankers Association

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Connecticut Bar Association, Member
- Manchester Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
 - Litigation Section, Member
 - Class Action Derivatives Suits Committee, Member
 - Ethics and Professionalism Committee, Member
- American Association for Justice (AAJ), formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA)
 - Class Action Litigation Group, Member
 - Personal Jurisdiction Litigation Group, Member
 - Insurance Law Section, Member
 - Sole Practitioner and Small Firm Section, Member
- Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission, Commissioner, 2013 - Present
- Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys (CAMA), Member, 2010 - Present
- Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (CCDLA), Member, 2013 - Present
- Task Force to Examine the Methods to Reduce Costs to Extradite, Member, 2015 - 2016
- Connecticut House of Representatives, Member, 2003 - 2011
- Connecticut House of Representatives, Member of Committees on Judiciary, Finance and Banks, Co-Chair, 2008 - 2011
- St. James Church, Member
- Ellington Ridge Country Club, Member
- Yale Club, Member

Civic Involvement

- Coaches youth basketball and baseball in Manchester
- United Bank, Corporator
- Eastern Connecticut Health Network, Corporator
- Manchester Community College, Member, Regional Advisory Board
- Manchester Democratic Town Committee, Member
- Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester, Board of Directors (former Member)
- Cub Scouts, Troop 144, Leadership Committee, 2013 - 2015
- Presentation, "End Distracted Driving," sponsored by the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, for the benefit of Manchester High School students (March 2015)