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Ryan Nichols represents and advises clients — including many of the world's wealthiest individuals and most successful corporations — in all aspects of the purchase, sale, lease, exchange, financing, and operation of business and commercial aircraft.

His practice includes structuring, drafting, and negotiating aircraft purchase and sale transaction documents, including letters of intent and aircraft purchase and sale agreements; devising aircraft ownership and operating structures in compliance with applicable regulations and an eye toward maximizing tax efficiency; federal income tax planning, including advising on depreciation and personal use disallowance issues; state sales and use tax planning; and advising on fractional aircraft programs.

Before beginning private practice, Ryan served as corporate counsel for several public companies, where he oversaw the world's second-largest domain name registrar, leading SaaS products and top internet properties. This in-house experience allows Ryan to seamlessly partner with C-level executives and business units to execute their objectives across a wide variety of matters.

Ryan is known for being an exceptionally creative, solution-oriented deal maker, embraced by clients as a trusted legal and business advisor.

Practices & Industries

Corporate, Securities and M&A
Tax
Transportation

Education

University of Washington School of Law,
LL.M. in Taxation, 2020

Seattle University School of Law, J.D.,
2011

- *CALI Award*, Legal Writing II

University of Washington, B.A.,
Economics, 2008

- Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics
Honor Society), Member

University of Washington, B.A., Political
Science, 2008

Admissions

Washington

Professional Experience

Aero Law Group, Attorney (2017-2020)

Rightside Group, Ltd., Corporate Counsel (2013-2017)

Demand Media, Inc., Corporate Counsel (2011-2013)

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/ryandnichols/>

Community Involvement

National Business Aviation Association (2017-Present)

Pacific Northwest Business Aviation Association (2017-Present)

King County Bar Association, Aviation Law Section (2017-Present)

Thought Leadership

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Firm Announcement