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Ed Ryan is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, and is a 1995 graduate of the Nashville School of Law, is a member of the Law firm May & Ryan, PLC.

Ed started his career in the criminal justice system as a Nashville Metro Police officer. Ed worked as a police officer for 16 years. During his tenor he started in patrol, and then spent 10 years as a dog handler. After being promoted to sergeant he supervised the legal section of the police department and taught law to police recruits and also in-service to the experienced officers.

In 1997, Ed went to work for the Davidson County District Attorney's office. While at the District Attorney's office Ed was the lead prosecutor for a Driving Under the influence charges including vehicular homicide and vehicular assault. While in the District Attorney's office he worked with other prosecutors concerning legislation and training for other DA's in DUI prosecution.

In 1999, Ed went into private practice with an emphasis in criminal defense. Now approximately 95% of his practice is DUI defense. Ed is a member of TACDL (Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers), NACDL (National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers) (DUI committee), The National College for DUI Defense (NCDD, State Delegate), the Nashville Bar Association and the Tennessee Bar Association. Ed is "Peer Review Rated" with Martindale Hubble. Named to Best Lawyers in America in 2009. Ed lectures to members of the local and state bar associations on DUI defense.