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PROFILE

Ms. Louise E. Ryder is an Associate with the Federal Practice Group and is part of the law firm's federal employment law group. Ms. Ryder has extensive experience in federal employment litigation and represents clients in federal courts and before administrative agencies such as the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the U.S. Merit System Protection Board (MSPB), and arbitral tribunals. Ms. Ryder's practice focuses on pursuing EEO complaints, whistleblower retaliation, defending against proposed disciplinary and adverse actions, sexual harassment, failure to reasonably accommodate claims, and denial or interference with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

Prior to joining the Federal Practice Group, Ms. Ryder worked for six years at a top Washington, D.C. law firm that represented federal and state government and private sector employees. She served as a Legal Intern at both the Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor and at the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings. Her first Legal Internship was at Legal Aid Services of Oregon.

Ms. Ryder earned her Juris Doctorate from American University Washington College of Law and while there, she was President of Business Law Society and active in both the Business Law Review and Law Revue. Before transferring to American University Washington College of Law, she spent a year at the University of Oregon School of Law where she received the 2010 Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Standout Award for her work at the Legal Aid Services of Oregon and was selected

for the John and Elenor Halderman Scholarship. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

Ms. Ryder is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.

CREDENTIALS

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law
- University of Oregon School of Law
- B.A., Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Berkley

INSIGHTS

- [Louise Ryder penned an article for FedSmith, Inc. on the EEOC's Rehabilitation Act and its guidelines](#)
- [Louise Ryder Authors a Blog for FedSmith, Inc. on Settlement Agreements](#)