



## CHRISTOPHER M. SANDERS

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### ASSOCIATE

Christopher M. Sanders is an experienced litigator and trial attorney with an emphasis on commercial and real estate litigation. He has represented a wide range of clientele, including both for and against multiple Fortune 500 companies.

Mr. Sanders has published articles with both the Utah Law Review and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute. As of the date of this writing, his Utah Law Review paper entitled “The Battlefield of Tomorrow, Today: Can a Cyberattack Ever Rise to an ‘Act of War?’” was the most popular online article prepared by a Utah law student in the history of the Utah Law Review, having been reviewed over 4,000 times by experts around the world. Among all articles published online with the Utah Law Review, it has ranked in the top five for more than five years.

The Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal called it “one of the most

important and timely articles” on technology and the law.

Each month, Mr. Sanders dedicates a significant portion of his time to assisting Utah residents in a pro bono capacity. He helps those facing debt collection lawsuits and was one of the first attorneys to provide assistance through the Utah State Bar’s new Virtual Legal Clinic, with which he continues to assist.

Mr. Sanders earned a JD from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, graduating with highest honors for his academic standing. There, he received many other notable awards and honors, including numerous academic awards, two of which were for the highest overall grade in trial advocacy, which consists of a mock trial, and statutory interpretation taught by Justice Pearce of the Utah Supreme Court. Mr. Sanders earned a BS from Southern Utah University where he graduated with high honors.

## EXPERIENCE

### Notable Litigation:

- Assisted in litigating construction surety dispute valued at more than \$200 million
- Obtained summary judgment for client in multimillion-dollar water rights dispute
- Assisted in litigating one of Utah’s largest partnership disputes, valued at more than \$3 billion
- Negotiated favorable settlement for client facing \$100 million real estate fraud action
- Litigated to finality \$232 million personal injury action
- Obtained \$7.4 million judgment for client in fraudulent cryptocurrency investment scheme
- Procured dismissal of \$34 million manufacturing and trademark dispute by motion to dismiss
- Procured dismissal for client facing triple wrongful death action by summary judgment
- Procured dismissal for client in \$6.5 million multi-unit construction defect matter

## CLERKSHIPS

Judicial Clerk, Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant, Utah Supreme Court, Summer 2016

## PRACTICE AREAS

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
 ANTITRUST  
 BOUNDARY DISPUTES  
 BUSINESS DISPUTES  
 COMPLEX COMMERCIAL LITIGATION  
 CONTRACTS  
 FIRST AMENDMENT AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS  
 INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
 LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES  
 LITIGATION  
 REAL ESTATE LITIGATION  
 SHAREHOLDER DISPUTES

## LANGUAGES

NORWEGIAN (CONVERSATIONAL)  
 SWEDISH

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## EDUCATION

University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, JD, with Highest Honors, 2018

Executive Text Editor, Utah Law Review

Quinney Research Fellow

William H. Leary Scholar

Teaching Assistant, 2016-2018

Highest Grade in Class: Trial Advocacy and Statutory Interpretation

Recipient of multiple Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards

Scholarship Recipient

Southern Utah University, BS, Criminal Justice/Forensic Science, with High Honors, 2015

Centurium Scholarship Recipient

Alpha Phi Sigma

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## ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS

*Bar Admissions:* Utah

*Other Admissions:* United States District Court for the District of Utah, 2018

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## COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Member, Utah State Bar Exam Administration Committee

Head coach, Northern Utah County Soccer Association

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## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

### Publications

- “Realtors, Shelter Your Shelter-In-Place,” The Travelers Indemnity Company, Tips from the Bar, Nov. 2020 (A risk management publication for real estate professionals) (co-authored by Michael D. Johnston, esq.)
- “The Battlefield of Tomorrow, Today: Can a Cyberattack Ever Rise to an ‘Act of War’?,” Utah Law Review: Vol. 2018, No. 2, Article 6
- “Trump, Energy Policy, and Hard Look Review,” 64 Rocky Mt. Min. L. Inst. 21-1 (2018) (co-authored by Lincoln L. Davies and Tyler Hubbard)