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Areas of Focus

Content, Media, and
Entertainment

Intellectual Property



Overview

David Sanders has served for many years as Associate General Counsel at Jenner & Block, advising the firm on a wide array of matters arising from its global operations. In addition, he has litigated complex business disputes in both trial and appellate courts across the nation over his nearly five-decade legal career with Jenner & Block.

As former Chair of the firm’s Content, Media, and Entertainment Practice, David has represented numerous well known media clients, including national television broadcast networks, local television and radio broadcasters, newspaper, magazine and book publishers, and website operators. He has litigated countless high-profile matters for these clients and provided non-litigation counsel on a wide variety of media law issues, such as libel, privacy, newsgathering, subpoenas, copyright, and other issues that impact their business activities.

Chambers USA has identified David as a top media lawyer in Illinois for over 20 years based on client reviews, including one calling him “one of the pre-eminent lawyers in the state.” He previously served as an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at the Northwestern University School of Law.

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I help my clients navigate complex and high priority issues by advising them on unique and targeted strategies to accomplish their business objectives, including litigating disputes when necessary.”

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Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 1974

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, JD, 1974
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, BA, with distinction, Phi Kappa Phi, 1971

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1985
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1974

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation-First Amendment, First Amendment Law, 1995-2022
- *Chambers Global, The World's Leading Lawyers*, Media & Entertainment, 2003
- *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Media & Entertainment, Litigation (Illinois), 2003-2025
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2005-2022, in First Amendment, Business Litigation, Media and Advertising
- Leading Lawyers Network, Advertising & Media Law, 2004-2019, Civil Rights/Constitutional Law, 2004-2019; Commercial Litigation, 2004-2019
- *Legal 500*, Litigation, First Amendment Litigation and Counseling, 2009; Media, Technology, and Telecoms, 2007-2009

Community

- Northwestern University School of Law, Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy, 1981-1990

Service to the Bar

- Chicago Council of Lawyers, Chairman, Federal Judicial Evaluations Committee, 1989-2000
- Media Law Resource Center - Defense Counsel Section, Co-Chairman, Trial Techniques Committee, 2000-2004