

# Gary M. Sanderson

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## Partner

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Gary M. Sanderson works with new and established companies to navigate complex business transactions and disputes, including matters that involve real estate, creditors' rights/bankruptcy, construction and corporate transactions.

While growing up in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, Gary lived in a log cabin. He settled in Pittsburgh after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh. He now lives in the North Hills with his wife and four children. Prior to joining the firm, Gary studied abroad in Rome, Italy. While in law school, Gary served as both a law clerk at an immigration law firm and a Teaching Assistant for international attorneys learning about the American legal system. Gary is active in the Allegheny County Bar Association and other professional and non-profit organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors of Providence Connections, Inc., a local nonprofit serving the Northside communities through family support and early childhood education. In his spare time, Gary enjoys playing guitar, photography, kayaking, and running. He also has assisted with several of his children's youth sports groups including volunteering with Brad Mar Pine Baseball and service as an assistant soccer coach with the North Allegheny Soccer Club.

## Capabilities

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- Corporate & Business Law
- Construction
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
- International Law
- Litigation
- MUSolutions
- Real Estate & Lending

## Representative Matters

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- Represent businesses throughout all stages of company life cycle – formation, development, commercialization, growth, and exit.
- Draft and negotiate commercial agreements for clients in various industries, with significant expertise in drafting agreements in the construction industry on projects that collectively have exceeded \$500 million in construction costs.
- Negotiate, draft, and close stock sale, purchase and redemption transactions, asset sale and purchase transactions, and mergers and conversions.
- Negotiate, draft, and close real estate transactions, including purchase agreements, deeds, leases, easements, and right of ways.



- Assist businesses with receiverships and work outs, and pursue debtors in bankruptcy and collection cases.
- Assist in the litigation of real estate, commercial, and construction disputes, including title, zoning, eviction, tax assessment appeals, mechanic's liens, and foreclosures.

## Awards & Honors

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- Included in the inaugural edition of Best Lawyers of America® Ones to Watch List, 2021-2023
- Selected to Pennsylvania Rising Stars in 2019 and 2023

## Professional/Community Involvement

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- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
  - Past Chair of the Corporate, Banking and Business Law Section
  - Real Property Section, Council Member
  - Young Lawyers Division Member
- Providence Connections, Inc., Board of Directors, Chair – Capital Improvements Committee
- 3 Rivers Venture Fair, Coach's Committee
- Urban Land Institute Pittsburgh Chapter, Member and Past Vice Co-Chair of the Young Leaders Group
- Green Building Alliance, Member
- Association for Corporate Growth, Member

## Bar Admissions

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- Pennsylvania

## Court Admissions

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- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

## Education

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- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2012, *cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Certificate in International & Comparative Law
  - Research Editor, *Pittsburgh Tax Review*
  - Teaching Assistant & Research Assistant, Legal Writing
  - Co-Founder & Business Manager, Business & Corporate Law Association
  - CALI Excellence for the Future Awards, Federal Income Taxation & Immigration Law
- B.A., Business Administration and Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2009, *summa cum laude*



## Writing/Speaking

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- “Creditors’ Rights & Bankruptcy Client Advisory: Primer on Bankruptcy Preference Actions,” *MUS Blog*, February 13, 2020.
- “What to Know Before Signing a Commercial Non-Disclosure Agreement,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, November 21, 2019.
- “Important Considerations That Come With Purchasing Property Through Bankruptcy,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, April 10, 2019.
- “Don’t delay in preparing H-1B applications,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Business Workshop, March 7, 2017.
- “Take Advantage of ‘E’ Investor Visas,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Business Workshop, September 15, 2015.
- “H-1B Visas: Be Prepared to Submit Applications on April 1<sup>st</sup>,” *University of Pittsburgh’s Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence Newsletter*, February 2015.
- “Health Care Employers Should Prepare for Overtime Changes,” *Western Pennsylvania Healthcare News*, July 2014.
- “Overtime Changes on the Horizon,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Business Workshop, B-5, May 2, 2014.
- “Recent Change to Law Helps Landlords Handle Tenants’ Abandoned Belongings,” Co-author, *The Real Estate Investor’s ACRE of Pittsburgh, Inc.*, March 2014.
- “Municipal Planning Code (MPC) Amendments - Electronic Notice (Act 36 (HB 515)),” *Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section*, Winter 2014.

