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Areas of Practice

Antitrust and Trade Regulation Arbitration | Product Liability Defense | Litigation/Trial Practice | Non-profit Organizations and Trade Associations | White Collar Crime | Manufacturing

Mr. Sanders has been with Smith Gambrell since law school. He is a generalist on commercial matters but also an experienced complex business litigator, who specializes in antitrust matters and class-action litigation, as well as Hart-Scott-Rodino merger analysis, advertising, and distribution and sales issues. He has overseen civil and criminal matters, including government investigations, criminal leniency applications, and multi-district class actions. He has worked with the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, and state agencies on various matters. He serves as outside general counsel for several trade associations and manufacturing clients and has served as Interim-General Counsel for a major research institution, during which he helped manage its Office of General Counsel. Over the course of his career, he has represented a range of clients, including manufacturers, airlines, trade associations, food processors, contractors, research institutions, institutions of higher education, and indigents.

Mr. Sanders leads the firm's Antitrust Practice and has served as co-chair of its Manufacturing Practice. He also is a member of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association and the Antitrust and Litigation Sections of the Georgia State Bar. He currently serves as the Immediate Past Chair for the Antitrust Section of the Georgia State Bar and has served as Chair of the General Practice and Trial Section of the Georgia State Bar. He has been appointed to the Criminal Justice Act panel for the Northern District of Georgia.

During his career at SGR, Mr. Sanders has been active in the firm's pro bono initiatives. As a young associate, he received SGR's Fellowship to Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., where he represented indigents. Since then, Mr. Sanders has been extensively involved with Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc. He currently serves as Treasurer of its board of directors and chairs its governance and finance committees.

Mr. Sanders also is a member of Oglethorpe University's President's Advisory Council. He has served on the Service Juris Hands on Atlanta Steering Committee; been a board member and a member of the Executive Committee for the Grant Park Conservancy; and a member of the Atlanta Beltline 67 (AB67), which is an advisory board to the Atlanta Beltline Partnership. He has volunteered for an inner-city Boy Scout troop for more than 10 years and served as a member of the Atlanta Area Council's Phoenix District Committee.

Mr. Sanders completed "Lead Atlanta," which is Leadership Atlanta's leadership program for young professionals. He also has been selected several times to the list of Rising Stars for Georgia Super Lawyers and named to Georgia Trend Magazine's Legal Elite list and its 40 Under 40 list. Chambers USA ranks him in Antitrust.

Admissions

Georgia

Memberships

Member, Antitrust Section of the Georgia Bar, Immediate Past President

Member, Board of Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., Treasurer and Chair of Governance and Finance Committees

Member, Oglethorpe University President's Advisory Council

Former Member, Advisory Board of Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.

Former Member, Boys Scouts Atlanta Area Council's Phoenix District Committee

Former Executive Committee and Board Member, Grant Park Conservancy

Former Member, ServiceJuris Hands on Atlanta Steering Committee

Former Member, Atlanta Beltline 67 (AB67), the Advisory Board to the Atlanta Beltline Partnership

Recognitions

Chambers USA, Antitrust - Georgia (2024, 2025)

Rising Star, Georgia Super Lawyers

40 Under 40, Georgia Trend Magazine's Legal Elite