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### AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance Coverage
- Appellate
- Premises Liability
- Professional Liability
- Construction Litigation

### EDUCATION

- Chicago-Kent  
College of Law  
J.D. *cum laude*, 1995
- Truman State University  
f/k/a Northeast Missouri  
State University  
Anderson University  
B. A. *cum laude*, 1991

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 1995

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois Supreme Court,  
1995
- U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of  
Illinois, 1995

### PRACTICE OVERVIEW

Michael D. Sanders practices in the area of insurance coverage and civil litigation. His insurance coverage work includes interpretation and litigation surrounding commercial general liability policies, professional liability policies, automobile policies, and excess policies. His civil litigation work includes the defense of professional liability claims, construction accidents, premises liability actions, construction defect matters, and bad faith claims. He has tried to verdict cases involving attorney malpractice, automobile accidents, and product liability. He also supervises the firm's appellate matters.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- *Hurlbert v. Brewer*, 386 Ill.App.3d 1096 (4th Dist. 2008) (holding that an insurance carrier has standing to intervene in a lawsuit to challenge agreement by plaintiff and defendant to increase judgment that was to be collected solely from the insurance carrier);
- *New Hampshire Ins. Co. v. Hanover Ins. Co.*, 296 Ill.App.3d 701 (1st Dist. 1998) (establishes priority of coverage by holding that an excess insurer cannot be forced to respond to claim prior to exhaustion of primary insurer);
- *National Union Fire In. Co. of Pittsburgh, PA v. American Motorists Ins. Co.*, 707 F.3d 797 (7th Cir. 2013) (obtained reimbursement of settlement paid by excess insurer in complex insurance coverage dispute arising from construction accident involving issues of equitable subrogation, targeted tender, and professional liability exclusion);
- *Brettman v. M&G Truck Brokerage, Inc.*, 2019 IL App (2d) 180236 (holding, in a case of first impression, that freight broker and shipper could not be held liable for conduct of trucker for an accident occurring after delivery of goods);

## COURT ADMISSIONS (cont.)

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar), 1995
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois, 2005
- 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 2002

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Illinois State Bar Association

- Representation of insurance carrier covering manufacturer that had been sued by hundreds of plaintiffs alleging bodily injury from exposure of dioxin when burning insured's product over dozens of policy periods;
- Representation of insurance carrier covering manufacturer of sirens that had been sued by hundreds of plaintiffs alleging hearing loss over dozens of policy periods;
- Representation of insurance carrier covering manufacturer of polybutylene plumbing systems that had been sued by thousands of homeowners because system allegedly leaked over dozens of policy periods.
- Advises excess insurance carriers in catastrophic injury matters on issues of priority of coverage, subrogation, tender, case value and resolution strategy.