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Tom Sanders has substantial experience in a broad range of corporate and transactional legal matters, including mergers and acquisitions; shareholder relationships and disputes; private debt and equity financings; life insurance premium finance; and organizational formation and governance issues. His clients range from small, emerging businesses to major multinational corporations.

Tom has been recognized as among America's Leading Lawyers for Business by *Chambers USA* and has been named among *The Best Lawyers in America* in corporate law and mergers and acquisitions. He has also been selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers*® and Top 40 Business and Commercial Transactions *Super Lawyers*®.

### PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minneapolis Jewish Federation
  - Co-chair, Cardozo Society (current)
  - President, 2004-2006
- Chairman, University of Minnesota Jewish Studies Center Advisory Committee

### EXPERIENCE

- Lead counsel on merger and acquisition transactions ranging in value from a few hundred thousand dollars to hundreds of millions of dollars in a wide variety of industries, including insurance, professional services, food, sports equipment and auto parts.
- Using alternative fee structures and strong project management, developed methods to provide efficient, high quality services at lower and predictable costs, including over 100 acquisition transactions for a Fortune 100 financial services company at fees based on the value of each transaction and hundreds of finance transactions for a variety of clients at fixed fees.
- Represents venture capital investors and venture funded companies from initial financing through follow-on rounds of financing, development and sale.



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### PRACTICE AREAS

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Emerging Companies

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- Advises family and other closely held businesses in various matters, including boards of directors, shareholder and other governance issues, debt and equity financing, ownership disputes and general contracting.
  - Represents private equity funds, companies and management in private equity acquisition, disposition and financing transactions.
  - Represents national lenders in life insurance premium finance transactions.
  - Manages the provision of other legal services to clients, including employment, intellectual property, litigation, tax, real estate and employee benefits services.

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## **EDUCATION**

J.D., *cum laude*, Northwestern University School of Law, 1984

Articles editor, *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, 1983-1984

B.A., *with distinction*, George Washington University, 1980

## **ADMISSIONS**

- State of Minnesota, 1984
- State of New York, 2009

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