



# Erick M. Sandler

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## Overview

Erick Sandler represents clients in complex business disputes and shareholder and securities litigation. He has handled large scale litigation matters for clients in a variety of fields, including financial services, energy, aerospace, manufacturing, e-commerce, real estate, healthcare and life sciences, education and insurance. Clients seek out Erick for his extensive experience handling disputes involving contracts, fiduciary duty claims, unfair trade practices, antitrust, M&A, joint ventures and closely held businesses, class actions, trusts and estates, real estate and land use, and taxation. In addition to his trial practice, Erick has handled appeals in federal and state courts.

Erick has litigated constitutional claims, including successful First Amendment challenges to the application of state lobbying and electioneering laws. He has also represented parties in disputes under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. In recognition of his trial and appellate advocacy, Erick received a Connecticut Bar Association Pro Bono Award.

## Experience

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Representation of REMIC trustee in pursuing veil-piercing and fraudulent transfer claims to collect multimillion dollar judgment; member of trial team that obtained a favorable judgment on the veil-piercing claims and award of punitive damages after seven-week jury trial; member of appellate team that obtained decision affirming judgment

Defense of retail energy supplier against antitrust, tortious interference and unfair business practices claims arising from municipal energy contracting; successfully moved to dismiss action

Representation of energy generation company in arbitration of claims arising under tolling agreement

Representation of aerospace parts manufacturer in arbitration of claims arising under supply agreement

Defense of majority owner and president of corporation engaged in the wholesale of trophy and award components against minority shareholders'

## Practices & Industries

[Antitrust](#)

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claims of mismanagement and self-dealing; successfully moved to dismiss action, resulting in dismissal of all claims with prejudice

Defense of trustees of family trusts holding assets worth several hundreds of millions of dollars against beneficiary's claims for breach of fiduciary duty and conflicts of interest arising from trustees' positions as officers and directors of public company

Representation of helicopter manufacturer in trial and appeal that established client's entitlement to sales and use tax exemption for research and development equipment used in manufacturing aircraft parts and components

Defense of e-commerce company against putative class action brought by customer alleging breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and unjust enrichment; member of team that obtained dismissal of action

Defense of insurance company and its board members against putative class action brought by shareholders challenging sale of company

Defense of private equity investor against putative class actions brought by shareholders of company acquired by client

Defense of global defense, security and aerospace company against putative class action brought by shareholders of company selling business to client

Representation of Roman Catholic diocese in successful constitutional challenge to application of state lobbying laws

Representation of individual in successful constitutional challenge to application of electioneering laws to clothing worn by voters at polling places

## Education and Credentials

### Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2002

Trinity College, B.A., 1999

### Admissions

State of Connecticut

State of New York

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

## Affiliations

Federal Bar Council

Connecticut Bar Association, Appellate Advocacy Section, Executive Committee; Litigation Section, Executive Committee; and Federal Practice Section

Hartford County Bar Association

American Bar Association, Section of Litigation and Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Appellate Advocacy Committee

New England Legal Foundation, Connecticut Advisory Council

Connecticut Bar Foundation, James W. Cooper Fellow

## Recognition and Community

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### Recognitions

Selected to the list of Connecticut [Super Lawyers](#) (Thomson Reuters), Business Litigation, 2018-2023

Selected to the list of Connecticut [Super Lawyers](#) Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Business Litigation, 2013-2017

Recognized as a "Future Star" in [Benchmark Litigation: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys](#) (Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC), 2014-2015

Named *Hartford Business Journal's* 40 Under Forty, 2012

Named *Connecticut Law Tribune's* New Leaders in the Law, 2012

### Community Involvement

Community Partners in Action, Board of Directors

Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society, Board of Directors

Leadership Greater Hartford, Quest Class of 2011

## Insights

Third Circuit Decision on Judicial Review of Constructively Approved Tariff Revisions  
December 6, 2023

The Delaware Supreme Court Adopts a Universal Demand-Futility Test in Facebook Investors' Derivative Suit  
September 27, 2021

DC Circuit Court Decision on Federal/State Jurisdiction in Energy Storage  
July 14, 2020

Appellate Review of FERC Orders Potentially Accelerated  
July 9, 2020

Anticipating Case and Claim Deadlines in the Age of COVID-19

April 14, 2020

Antitrust Regulators Address Business Collaboration Designed to Combat COVID-19

March 25, 2020

Tri-State Merchants Must Adhere To Price Gouging Prohibitions During COVID-19 Emergency

March 23, 2020

Court Sets Standard for Application of Attorney-Client Privilege to Mixed-Purpose Communications

September 19, 2016

Supreme Court Decision May Reduce Debtor Claims Brought Under the FDCPA

February 27, 2013

## News

Day Pitney's Elizabeth Retersdorf Named a Recipient of a Hartford Business Journal 2024 40 Under Forty Award

August 19, 2024

87 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2016 Super Lawyers List

November 10, 2016

Erick Sandler Elected to Board of Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society

May 13, 2016

91 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2015 Super Lawyers List

October 30, 2015

Eighty-Four Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers for 2014

November 3, 2014

Eighty-eight Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by *Super Lawyers* for 2013

October 22, 2013

## In The Media

"Representing Estate and Trust Beneficiaries and Fiduciaries 2022," ALI CLE

November 17-18, 2022

What's At Stake In The AmEx Merchant Rules Case

Law360, October 16, 2017

Evolving Federal Court Case Management: The 2015 Civil Rule Amendments and Beyond

November 12, 2015