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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, data privacy and cybersecurity, 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.

Firm Leadership:

- Office Managing Partner, Hartford, CT
- Leader, Energy Litigation Practice

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 judgment exceeding $30 million on the veil-piercing claims and award of punitive damages after seven-week jury trial in federal court; 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

Defense of manufacturer in class action involving alleged data breach of e-commerce platform

Practices & Industries

Antitrust

Class Action Litigation

Consumer Finance & Creditors' Rights

Data Privacy, Protection & Litigation

Energy Law

Energy Litigation

Fiduciary and Probate Litigation

Litigation

Shareholder and Securities Litigation

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' 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

Connecticut Bar Association, Federal Practice Section, Co-Chair 2026-2028

Federal Bar Council, Connecticut Committee

Hartford County Bar Association, Board of Directors

New England Legal Foundation, Connecticut Advisory Council

Connecticut Bar Foundation, James W. Cooper Fellow

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Litigation – Securities, 2026-2027

Selected to the list of Connecticut *Super Lawyers*®, Business Litigation, 2018-2023

Selected to the list of Connecticut *Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars, 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

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

Erick Sandler Installed as Co-Chair of Connecticut Bar Association Federal Practice Section
June 9, 2026

Day Pitney Named 2025 Pro Bono Leader for Justice by the Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation
September 18, 2025

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