



## **William W. "Woody" Sanderson, Jr.**

Shareholder

Bar admissions: Alabama, 1979

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### **Practice Areas**

- Mediation
- Education and school law
- Municipal and utilities law
- Employment law
- Eminent domain
- Employment litigation

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### **Profile**

Mr. Sanderson's practice is primarily devoted to mediation and representation of school boards, municipalities, and utilities. He has extensive experience with alternative dispute resolution and litigation issues affecting municipalities, school boards, and municipal utilities, including real estate, employment and environmental issues, tenure, tax, public financing, and contracts.

Mr. Sanderson also devotes a significant portion of his practice to municipal litigation and education law. He is listed on the roster of approved mediators maintained by the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution and is a member of the Panel of Neutrals of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals (Fifth and Eleventh Circuits), the U.S. District Court (N.D. and M.D. of Alabama), and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Sanderson is a registered mediator with the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution.

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### **Honors and Awards**

Mr. Sanderson has been selected by his peers for inclusion *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2007. He is listed in the areas of education and water law. SuperLawyers.com named him an Alabama Super Lawyer for 2008, 2018, and 2019 in the areas of education law, utilities law, and civil litigation.

Mr. 2005, Mr. Sanderson received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership Huntsville-Madison County.

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### **Representative Cases**

- *Craft v. McCoy*, No. 1180820, 2020 WL 3023111 (Ala. June 5, 2020).
- *Griffin v. Lee County Board of Education*, No. 3:16-CV-27-SMD, 2019 WL 6359763 (M.D. Ala. Nov. 27, 2019).

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## Representative Cases (continued)

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- *In re Hubbard*, 803 F.3d 1298 (11th Cir. 2015).
- *Crutcher v. Athens Police Department*, No. 5:10-CV-01176-CLS (N.D. Ala. October 31, 2014).
- *Huntsville City Board of Education v. Frasier*, 122 So. 3d 193 (Ala. Civ. App. 2013).
- *Nasseri v. City of Athens, Alabama*, No. 11-14863 (11th Cir. June 19, 2013).
- *Ex parte Boaz City Board of Education*, 82 So. 3d 660 (Ala. 2011).
- *James v. City of Russellville*, 57 So. 3d 111 (Ala. Civ. App. 2010).
- *Murphy v. Madison City Board of Education*, 42 So. 3d 124 (Ala. Civ. App. 2010).
- *Crutcher v. Limestone County Sheriff's Department*, No. 5:10-CV-01175-CLS (N.D. Ala. December 30, 2010).
- *Dibiasi v. Joe Wheeler Electric Membership Corp.*, 988 So.2d 454 (Ala. Civ. App. 2008).
- *Chance v. Town of Skyline*, No. 5:06-CV-01558-IPJ, 2007 WL 9697497 (N.D. Ala. June 5, 2007).
- *Water & Wastewater Board of City of Madison v. Anderson*, 850 So. 2d 1230 (Ala. 2002).
- *City of Huntsville v. City of Madison*, 24 F.3d 169 (11th Cir. 1994).

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## Professional Associations

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American Bar Association

Alabama Bar Association

Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association

Alabama Municipal Attorneys Association

Alabama Council of School Board Attorneys  
President, 2008-2009

Alabama Defense Lawyers Association

Association for Conflict Resolution

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## Education

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J.D., 1979, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
President, Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society  
Most Outstanding Senior, 1979  
Articles Editor, *Alabama Law Review*  
Finalist, John A. Campbell Moot Court Competition

M.P.A., 1979, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

B.A., *cum laude*, 1976, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
Phi Beta Kappa

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## Publications

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- “OSHA and the Private Litigant,” *Alabama Law Review* (1979).
- “Could Employee Overtime Cost You?” *Alabama School Boards* (2002).

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## Community Involvement

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President, The Schools Foundation, 1999-2003  
Member, Board of Directors, Committee of 100  
Member, Board of Directors, Broadway Theater League, President, 2005-2007  
Graduate, Leadership Huntsville, 1991  
Graduate, Leadership Alabama, 2002  
Member, First United Methodist Church of Huntsville  
Chair, Board of Trustees, 2015  
Member, Madison County Commission District (911 Board)  
Trustee, Fords Chapel Cemetery Association

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