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EXPERIENCE

Sanderford & Carroll, P.C.

Attorney, July 2022 – current

- Represent subcontractors, general contractors, and developer/owners in transactional matters and commercial disputes.
- Litigation and claims experience include:
 - Litigating cases in state district courts, federal courts, and the Texas State Office of Administrative Hearings, as well as arbitrations through the AAA and private arbitrations.
 - Filing Writ of Mandamus and representing clients in State Court of Appeals, as both Appellant and Appellee.
 - Settlement of cases and claims through mediation and negotiation.
- Representative Litigation, Claims, and Transactional Experience:
 - Secured an award of \$2,436,755.88 in damages on behalf of an owner of a boutique hotel against four trade contractors and successfully defeated all affirmative claims of more than \$2,600,000.00 against the owner.
 - Secured an award of \$788,260.05 in delay damages on behalf of a heavy-civil construction contractor against a supplier providing large industrial pumps on a \$50 million dollar sewer line and pump station project in Charleston, South Carolina.
 - Secured a final summary judgment on behalf of a plaintiff subcontractor against an owner and prime contractor, including attorneys' fees, interest, and costs, as well as mechanic's lien foreclosure and sale of a commercial property. Thereafter, successfully filed foreclosure action of the property, causing the bank to pay the judgment in full.
 - Successfully filed a Writ of Mandamus, resulting in the Fourth Court of Appeals granting mandamus relief.
 - Successfully filed a Motion to Transfer Venue in Federal Court, in which the Federal Court Magistrate granted our Motion.
 - Drafted and negotiated original master contracts on behalf of a quasi-governmental entity against contractors and design professionals for a collective project, greater than \$400,000,000.
- Construction related Speaking and Publications:
 - *State of Texas Construction Trust Fund Act*, 18 Tex. Constr. L.J., no. 2, 2022 at 22.
 - Presented In-House CLE:
 - "Affirmative Defenses." In-House CLE, Sanderford & Carroll, P.C., San Antonio, TX, August 1, 2023.
 - "Incorporation by Reference – Binding Non-Signatories." In-House

- CLE, Sanderford & Carroll, P.C., San Antonio, TX, January 19, 2024.
- "Vouching In – a Practical Way to Bring Suppliers into a Pending Arbitration." In-House CLE, Sanderford & Carroll, P.C., San Antonio, TX, July 21, 2025.

Millennium Group at USAA, San Antonio, TX

Relationship Manager, March 2022-June 2022

Senior Contract Advisor, March 2020-February 2022

- Direct line supervisor of >20 employees within various roles and teams.
- Quality review of all low-risk contracts enterprise wide to ensure compliance with enterprise compliance and risk standards and serves as the technical expert regarding compliance laws and regulations.
- As a contractor on behalf of a large bank/insurance company - source, draft, and negotiate complex IT related contracts, always minimizing business impact to mitigate future exposure.

Flahive, Ogden & Latson, Austin, TX

Associate Attorney, February 2017-February 2020

- Represent insurance carriers in lawsuits filed in district court, requesting judicial review of an agency decision of the Division of Workers' Compensation.
- Manage complex litigation, including conducting depositions and drafting petitions, briefs, and motions related to all aspects of litigations, from discovery, trial, and appeal.
- Argue motions during hearings and conducts both bench and jury trials.

Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, Austin, TX

Attorney, December 2015-February 2017

- Represent Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation in hearings and litigation at State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- Prepare briefs, pleadings, and commissioner's orders related to contested cases and hearings.
- Resolve complaints regarding alleged violations of the Texas Labor Code.
- Lead attorney on complex quality of care cases.

DOD, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer and Contact Representative, January 2012-June 2014

- Manage, counsel, and advise service members processing through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System on their benefits, rights, obligations, and financial compensation.
- Liaison between service members and legal counsel, reviewing laws and regulations with service members during each step of the medical evaluation board process.

Judice & Adley, Lafayette, LA

Associate Attorney, August 2005-December 2008

- Represent physicians in medical malpractice lawsuits.
- Manage complex litigation, including conducting depositions and drafting petitions, briefs, and motions related to all aspects of litigations, from discovery, trial, and appeal.
- Argue motions and appeals before district court judges and appellate court judges.

19th Judicial District Court, Baton Rouge, LA

Staff Attorney, August 2003-July 2005

- Assist Judge in researching and analyzing complex state laws and issues, such as whether Department of Education set up appropriate administrative remedies and regulations, appeals from the Louisiana Public Service Commission and Louisiana Tax Commission, appropriateness of compliance orders issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and contractual clauses within oyster leases, including clauses pertaining to Coastal Wetlands Advisory and Environmental Impact Statement, granted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary.
- Review and summarize motions and positions of parties on weekly docket.

Wray & Pierce, Baton Rouge, LA

Law Clerk, June 2002-May 2003

- Research, analyze, and interpret various state and federal laws and regulations, including the Louisiana Public Bid Law, Federal Acquisition Regulation, etc.
- Research, analyze, and interpret cases and law throughout the United States and other state law precedents for use in memoranda of law and briefs in cases involving highly complex and technical legal issues where Louisiana law precedent is limited and/or nonexistent.

EDUCATION

- **Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA**
Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Civil Law
Average: 3.2/4.0; Class Rank: 23/183, 12.5%
- **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA**
Bachelor of Science – Elementary Education
Average: 3.8/4.0, Magna Cum Laude

LICENSURE/ ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Louisiana (2003)
- Colorado (2010)
- Texas (2014)
- Admitted in Federal Court - Western District, TX; Northern District, TX; Southern District, TX