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Megan C. Sanders joined the firm in 2011. An honors graduate of Baylor University School of Law and Texas Christian University, her practice focuses primarily on estate planning, probate, charitable entity formation, charitable giving, and tax planning issues. She represents professionals, families, charitable entities and closely-held businesses in the firm's areas of expertise to achieve their estate planning, wealth migration, asset protection, and transfer tax planning goals, among others.

BACKGROUND & EDUCATION

B.B.A. Accounting, Texas Christian University, 2008, summa cum laude

J.D., Baylor University School of Law, 2011, magna cum laude

Order of Barristers

Baylor Law Review: Associate Editor, 2009; Articles Editor, 2010; served on Editorial Board as Senior Notes & Comments Editor, 2010-2011

ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Admitted: 2011, Texas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Texas

Tarrant County Bar Association: Women Attorneys Section (Vice Chair & Social Director, 2017-2018; Social Co-Director, 2016-2017; Social Director at Large, 2015-2016), Fort Worth Business & Estate Section, and Tax & Estate Planning Section (Chair, 2014-2015; Secretary, 2013-2014; Treasurer, 2012-2013)

Fort Worth-Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association

Tarrant County Probate Bar Association

Dancing Classrooms North Texas, Board Chair 2017; Board Member 2012-2016

Junior League of Fort Worth, 2013-Present

PRACTICE AREAS

- BUSINESS PLANNING
- CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING
- ESTATE PLANNING AND PROBATE
- TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS
- TAX PLANNING

Publications & Speaking Events:

Author and Presenter, "Drafting B-IDGTs & Related Transaction Documents", Presented to the State Bar of Texas 33rd Annual Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Drafting Course, October 27, 2022.

Author and Presenter, "Is Changing Your Trust as Easy as Changing Your Mind? A Review of Judicial Modifications and Non-Judicial Methods of Adjusting Irrevocable Trusts", presented to the State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 14, 2022.

Co-Presenter, "Dealing with Life Changes in the Family Foundation", presented to the State Bar of Texas 18th Annual Governance of Nonprofit Organizations Course, August 20-21, 2020.

Author and Presenter, The Benevolent Barista: the Art of Crafting and Refining Donor Advised Funds and Charitable Gift Agreements, presented to the Austin Estate Planning and Probate Bar Section, May 14, 2020.

Author and Presenter, Primer on Charitable Planning, presented to the Center for American and International Law Annual Short Course on Estate Planning, annually since 2018.

Author and Presenter, "The Benevolent Barista: The Art of Concocting, Crafting and Refining Donor Advised Funds and Charitable Gift Agreements", presented to the State Bar of Texas 28th Annual Estate Planning & Probate Drafting Course, October 26, 2017.

Author and Presenter, Form 1023 Workshop, presented to The University of Texas School of Law 2017 Nonprofit Organizations Compliance and Internal Review Workshop, January 11, 2017.

Author and Presenter, "Tomayto, Tomahto – There Really Is a Difference: Comparing Private Foundations and Donor Advised Funds", presented to the State Bar of Texas 27th Annual Estate Planning & Probate Drafting Course, October 6, 2016.

Author and Co-Presenter, "Gifts from Cousin Eddie: Acceptance, Ownership & Management of Bizarre Assets", presented to the Planned Giving Council of Central Texas, April 11, 2016.

Author and Presenter, "Advising Donors and Managing Gifts of Oil, Gas and Mineral Interests", presented to the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning Lone Star Council, February 23, 2016.

Author and Presenter, "Things They Didn't Teach You in Law School: Practical Considerations for the Initial Client Conference", presented to the 2015 Tarrant County Probate Bar Association Nuts and Bolts Seminar, September 18, 2015.

Author, "Self-Dealing Pitfalls and Strategic Solutions – Part II: Problems Related to Estate Administration, Facility Use, Sale/Provision of Goods, Debt Assumption, and Controlled Entities", Published in Family Foundation Advisor, Vol. 14, No. 6, September/October 2015.

Author, "Self-Dealing Pitfalls and Strategic Solutions – Part 1: Problems Related to Compensation and Shared-Cost Arrangements", Published in Family Foundation Advisor, Vol. 14, No. 5, July/August 2015.

Publications & Speaking Events Continued:

Author, "It's Tea Time – 'Texas Tea' Time: Advising Donors and Managing Gifts of Oil, Gas and Mineral Interests", Published in the Texas Tech University School of Law Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal, Vol. 7, Book 1, Fall 2014. Also presented to the State Bar of Texas 12th Annual Governance of Nonprofit Organizations Conference, August 22, 2014.

Author, "Gifts From Cousin Eddie: Foundation Acceptance, Ownership & Management of Bizarre Assets", Presented to The University of Texas School of Law 32nd Annual Nonprofit Organizations Institute, January 15-16, 2015. Presented to the SALK Institute, 42nd Annual Tax and Management Seminar for Private Foundations, May 14-16, 2014.

Author, "Resolving Trustee Disputes: Foundation Split-Ups and Other Approaches", Presented to The University of Texas School of Law-Conference of Southwest Foundations 31st Annual Nonprofit Organizations Institute, January 15-17, 2014. Published in Family Foundation Advisor, Vol. 12, No. 5, 6 and 7, 2013. Presented to the State Bar of Texas 11th Annual Governance of Nonprofit Organizations, August 22-23, 2013. Presented to the SALK Institute, 41st Annual Tax Seminar for Private Foundations, May 15-17, 2013.

Author, "Roundtable Discussion: Charitable Giving With Oil and Gas Interests", Presented to The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel 2013 Fall Meeting, October 24-27, 2013.

Co-author, "Charitable Remainder Trusts", Presented to the Planned Giving Council of Houston, March 28, 2013.

Co-author and co-presenter, "Legal & Tax Uncertainty: How to Work with Your Donors to Plan for It", Presented to the North Texas Chapter of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, March 12, 2013.

Co-author and co-presenter, "Nuts & Bolts: Estate & Charitable Planning 101", presented to the North Texas Chapter of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, March 12, 2013.

Co-author and co-presenter, "The Design and Implementation of Conflict of Interest and Gift Acceptance Policies", presented to the Fort Worth chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs, September 25, 2012.

Co-author, "Gifting of Unusual Gifts with a Focus on Oil and Gas and Real Estate", presented at the 29th Annual Nonprofit Organizations Institute, January 18-20, 2012.