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Dan is Board Certified in Business Litigation, and his practice focuses on commercial disputes, with an emphasis on representing businesses in contract disputes, business torts, and complex business litigation. He is an experienced trial lawyer with experience in construction defect litigation, class actions, and products liability claims.

Leveraging his broad litigation background, Dan represents clients in both state and federal courts, as well as in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as arbitration proceedings and mediations. He has experience in:

- General business litigation, business organizations, creditors' rights, the Uniform Commercial Code, restrictive covenants, and business torts
- Handling real estate valuation litigation, real estate property development litigation, and fraud and conversion claims
- Commercial foreclosures and other complex litigation both on behalf of plaintiffs or defendants
- Representing clients in numerous jurisdictions outside of Florida and Illinois, including New York, Michigan, Indiana, Georgia, North Carolina, and Washington. He is licensed to practice in both Florida and Illinois, and he is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and federal court districts in both states

SERVICE LINE

Litigation & Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Manufacturing
Public Sector
Real Estate, Construction & Development

PRIMARY LOCATION

Sarasota, FL

EDUCATION

J.D., DePaul University
College of Law, 1999

B.A., with honors, Albertson

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

College of Idaho, 1993

Florida, 2005

Illinois, 1999

United States Supreme Court, 2015

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

United States District Court, Central District of Illinois

United States District Court, Northern District of Florida

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

All Florida State Courts

All Illinois State Courts

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Sarasota County Bar Association
- Florida Bar, Business Law Section
- Federal Trial Bar in the Northern District of Illinois
- Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County, Former Board Member
- Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Past Chair and Advisory Board Member
- School Board of Sarasota County, Financial Advisory Committee
- Forty Carrots Family Center, Advisory Board
- Citizens for Better Schools, President, Chair One Mill Referendum raising more than \$55 million per year for Sarasota County Schools
- Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Former Board Member
- Leadership Florida, Graduate
- Leadership Sarasota, Class of 2012
- Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, Former Board Member

HONORS

- *SRQ Magazine*: Elite Top Attorneys, Commercial Litigation, 2020-2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2020-2026

- *Best Lawyers* "Sarasota Litigation – Construction Lawyer of the Year," 2023