

Kyle W. Sanders

Partner

One of the most sought-after lawyers for high-net-worth individuals throughout Texas, Kyle Sanders has successfully resolved hundreds of complex family law cases involving emotionally-charged disputes and sophisticated property and business issues. His practice focuses on all aspects of family law, including divorce proceedings, complex property characterization, valuation and division, child support modifications, modifications of visitation and parental rights, enforcement of court orders, and premarital and post-marital agreements. Kyle is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

As Chair of the Family Law Department, Kyle leads a team of experienced problem-solvers and trial lawyers dedicated to putting the client's unique objectives above all else. Regardless of the complexity of the case or the value of the property at stake, Kyle's approach is always the same – identify the client's goals, design a rational strategy unclouded by emotion and work diligently every day to resolve the case under the client's desired terms and time frame.

Kyle is a member of the Family Law Council, the peer-selected governing body of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and its 6,000 members. In 2018, Kyle was recognized as the "Lawyer of the Year" for Family Law Mediation in Houston by *The Best Lawyers in America*. This distinction is awarded to individual lawyers with the highest overall peer feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. Only one lawyer is recognized as the "Lawyer of the Year" for each specialty and location.

Experience

- Handled, settled and, when necessary, tried over 500 complex family law cases.
- Represented a client in the negotiation and division of a \$150,000,000.00 estate involving complex tracing and characterization



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Practices
Family Law

Education
J.D., University of Houston Law Center
(1996)
B.A., University of Notre Dame (1993)

Bar Admissions
Texas

issues. The case was resolved, documented and finalized with the court in less than four months.

- Represented a client in a divorce involving over 70 entities. Organized a team of Gray Reed lawyers to form a new management structure, decant and reform two trusts and construct a resolution that met the needs and desires of all involved parties – a resolution not possible through court intervention.
- Represented an 11 year NBA veteran in the negotiation and execution of a premarital agreement to protect existing assets and future contract rights.
- Represented a Grammy award winning artist in a multi-jurisdictional action to void a recording contract executed as a minor. The case settled on favorable terms with the recording company renegotiating the artist's contract.
- Defended a corporation alleged to be the alter ego of the wife/owner in a divorce proceeding. Upon the close of evidence at trial, the corporation was dismissed from the suit on a successful motion for directed verdict. The decision was upheld on appeal - *Marcum v. Marcum*, 2008 WL 2388073, (Tex.App.-Houston [1st Dist.] 2008, no pet.) (memorandum opinion).

Press Releases

- “Twenty-Nine Gray Reed Attorneys Named 2018 Top Lawyers in Houston” (December 3, 2018)
- “Seven Gray Reed & McGraw Attorneys Recognized by H-Texas Magazine” (July 22, 2010)

Speeches and Presentations

- “Advanced Negotiation Techniques”, 41st Annual Advanced Family Law Course (August 2015)

- “Challenging Allegations of Mutation”, 19th Annual New Frontiers in Marital Property Law (October 2014)
- “Discovery: The New “New Rules”, Electronically Stored Information, Objections and Drafting Tips - Kyle Sanders and Chloe Walker, paper co-author”, 39th Annual Advanced Family Law Course (August 5, 2014)
- “Discovery: The New “New Rules”, Electronically Stored Information, Objections and Drafting Tips”, 39th Annual Advanced Family Law Course (August 2013)
- “Tax Returns”, Marriage Dissolution 101 (April 2013)
- “Child Support author and speaker”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2011)
- “Child Support”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2011)
- “Buy/Sell Agreements - author and speaker”, Advanced Family Law Drafting Course (December 2010)
- “Buy/Sell Agreements”, Advanced Family Law Drafting Course (December 2010)
- “Electronic Evidence and Discovery - co-author and speaker”, South Texas College of Law Family Law Conference (March 2010)
- “Electronic Evidence and Discovery”, South Texas College of Law Family Law Conference (March 2010)
- “Drafting and Entering Orders - author and speaker”, The Ultimate Trial Notebook: Family Law (December 2009)
- “Drafting and Entering Orders”, The Ultimate Trial Notebook: Family Law (December 2009)
- “Valuation Workshop: Current Valuation Challenges”, Advanced

Family Law Course (August 2009)

- “Valuation Workshop: Current Valuation Challenges - author and speaker”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2009)
- “Debts and Liabilities: A Subprime Divorce - author and speaker”, Marriage Dissolution Institute (April 2009)
- “Debts and Liabilities: A Subprime Divorce”, Marriage Dissolution Institute (April 2009)
- “Presenting Financial Cases”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2008)
- “Presenting Financial Cases - author and speaker”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2008)
- “Economic Contribution - co-author and speaker”, University of Houston Law Foundation - Family Law Practice Seminar (November 2006)
- “Economic Contribution”, University of Houston Law Foundation - Family Law Practice Seminar (November 2006)
- “Evidence and Discovery - author and speaker”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2006)
- “Evidence and Discovery”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2006)
- “Responding and Objecting to Written Discovery”, Marriage Dissolution Institute (April 2006)
- “Responding and Objecting to Written Discovery”, Marriage Dissolution Institute (April 2006)
- “Economic Contribution - co-author and speaker - 2005”, University of Houston Law Foundation - Family Law Practice

Seminar (November 2005)

- “Economic Contribution”, University of Houston Law Foundation - Family Law Practice Seminar (November 2005)
- “Direct and Cross-examination - speaker”, Advanced Family Law Course-Boot Camp (August 2005)
- “Direct and Cross-examination”, Advanced Family Law Course-Boot Camp (August 2005)
- “Preparing for Trial and the Trial Notebook - author and speaker”, South Texas College of Law Family Law Conference (February 2005)
- “Preparing for Trial and the Trial Notebook”, South Texas College of Law Family Law Conference (February 2005)
- “How to Qualify for and Pass the Family Law Board Certification Exam - co-author and speaker”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2004)
- “How to Qualify for and Pass the Family Law Board Certification Exam”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2004)
- “Economic Contribution, Reimbursement and Tracing - author and speaker”, South Texas College of Law Family Law Conference (February 2004)
- “Economic Contribution, Reimbursement and Tracing”, South Texas College of Law Family Law Conference (February 2004)
- “How to Qualify for and Pass the Family Law Board Certification Exam”, Advanced Family Law Course - co-author and speaker (August 2003)
- “How to Qualify for and Pass the Family Law Board Certification Exam”, Advanced Family Law Course (August 2003)
- “Technology in Law”, Houston Bar Association – Family Law

Section (March 2003)

- “Economic Contribution - author and speaker”, University of Houston Law Foundation - Family Law Practice Seminar (March 2003)
- “Technology in Law - speaker”, Houston Bar Association-Family Law Section (March 2003)
- “Economic Contribution”, University of Houston Law Foundation – Family Law Practice Seminar (March 2003)
- “Impact of Automatic Stay on Marital Dissolution”, National Business Institute (October 2002)
- “Overview of Property Characterization and Marital Liabilities - author and speaker”, National Business Institute (October 2002)
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- “Overview of Property Characterization and Marital Liabilities”, National Business Institute (October 2002)
- “The Use of Trusts in Family Law - co-author”, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Drafting Institute (December 2001)
- “The Use of Trusts in Family Law”, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Drafting Institute (December 2001)

Honors

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* as the “Lawyer of the Year” in Houston for Family Law Mediation (2018) and Family Law (2020)
- Selected by his peers for inclusion in Woodward/White, Inc.’s *The Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of Family Law and Family Law

Mediation (2009 – 2020)

- Named a “Super Lawyer” by Texas Super Lawyers (a Thomson Reuters business) as published in *Texas Monthly* (2010 – 2019)
- Named a *Houstonia Magazine* Top Lawyer in Houston (2017 - 2019)
- Certified Mediator, A.A White Dispute Resolution Center (1996)

Organizational Involvement

- Houston Bar Association
- Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists
- Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists