

SECTION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION
MEDIUM SECTION, STATE BAR OF TEXAS
PANNAL ALAN SANDERS

1. My name and contact information:

Pannal Alan Sanders
Houston

2. I am running for MEDIUM Section Representative to the Board of Directors

3. I am a member of the following SBOT Sections:

- [a] Administrative and Public Law;
- [b] Antitrust and Business Litigation (ABLIT) [Council Member, 2025 – 2026];
- [c] Appellate;
- [d] Business Law;
- [e] Construction Law;
- [f] Corporate Counsel;
- [g] General Practice, Solo and Small Firm;
- [h] Government Law;
- [i] Labor and Employment Law; and
- [j] Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law (REPTL).

4. I am a Member of the ABLIT Council [present term, 2025 – 2026].

5. I was born and raised in Orange, Texas. After graduating LSU Law in 1982, I returned to Orange and practiced with my father, Pannal Lynwood Sanders [Deceased, 2014]. My attached Resume describes my background in additional detail including some aspects of my community service. Relative to my law practice, I have been a solo practitioner, a partner with my father, affiliated with firms of 12 – 20 or so attorneys, and also worked with 2 national law firms with offices in Texas.

I am an academic working in a practitioner's life. Or perhaps I am a practitioner with a keen focus and interest for academic aspects of the law. My main hobby is reading. My special joy within that hobby is reading All Things Legal including white papers, case updates, peer reviewed articles, and actual Court Opinions (contrasted with news reports about an Opinion).

Another pleasure is teaching law, whether while mentoring associates or working with other colleagues, or as an Adjunct Law Professor at University of Houston Law Center, where I have been leading a class in Trusts, Wills, Estates, Probate and related Planning issues (concepts and principles, not experiential such as clinic or drafting) since 2019.

My wife Myra and I started dating in 9th grade at age 14, married 2 years after high school, and this June, during the SBOT Annual Convention, we look forward to celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary. This timeline demonstrates her abiding patience and willingness to overlook my manifest shortcomings. We have been blessed with 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Although I am Of Counsel out of the Dinsmore Houston office, I live in Tyler, Texas and practice law and teach almost entirely by remote setup. My wife and I moved to Tyler in May 2024 from Galveston, Texas, in view of a desire to give loving service, shifting from our 3 grandchildren then in Galveston to 3 more in Tyler. Our other 2 grandchildren, in Nashville, Tennessee, fortunately are within ready traveling reach. All 8 are Our Favorites.

6. My Resume describes appropriate portions of my professional achievements and demonstrates my abiding commitment to the legal profession. At this stage in my career, moving my service scope from Local to the State level, in addition to Law School teaching, is my long-awaited and probably too-long deferred way of giving back to the present system that has benefitted me immeasurably, and to invest in a small way in its future. For me, being a member of the legal profession is who I am, it is not merely a precondition to Just Hold A Job. In 9th grade, it is what I set my mind to pursue, and my academic, work life and other service efforts have been intentionally structured to be a positive contributor in multiple avenues for over 5 decades.

7. I am new to the State Bar statewide service and leadership level. As a Council Member for ABLIT who signed on to the effort to rehabilitate it, I gladly volunteered to lead the Bylaws Revision process. (Much of my career has been spent in developing organizational documents in addition to commercial transaction agreements, so our Bylaws were a natural fit for me.) Recently, I decided to move from being a mere reader of the REPTL Reporter, to becoming a contributor. My first article will be published in the next edition. My hope and expectation is to provide additional contributions to REPTL, perhaps ABLIT, and maybe a few more SBOT Sections of which I am a member. In addition, I am serving on a task force with APPELLATE regarding oral/video histories of retired appellate justices, an opportunity I eagerly anticipate.

8. I have read, understood and agree to abide by and perform the duties and purposes of this position, and I verify that I am able to serve in this capacity if elected. As established by the Nominating Procedure, if my nomination advances past any preliminary review, I will attend the interview process in Austin on Friday, February 20th. I will be prepared to make a brief presentation, and will welcome inquiries as the electing body may choose to make. In addition, if references or additional information will be helpful to the process, I am happy to do so.

SUMMARY RESUME' / CV FOR PANNAL ALAN SANDERS

Of Counsel with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP

Houston TX

A. Post-High School Education, Academic Honors and Recognitions

3. Trusts, Wills, Probate, Estate and Lifetime Planning, introductory concepts and principles. Adjunct Law Professor beginning Spring Semester 2019. University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

2. 1982 Juris Doctor, LSU Law School. Class Rank #1. Executive Editor & Member, Louisiana Law Review. Order of the Coif. Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society, Province 6 Graduate of the Year.

1. 1979 B.A., Economics, LSU. University Honors (*cum laude*). Phi Beta Kappa (Liberal Arts Honor Society). Phi Kappa Phi (Multi-discipline Honor Society). College of Arts & Sciences: Division of Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies. Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society). Dean's List. Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

B. Practice Areas

Transactional matters include entity formation and governance; transfer of ownership of business; real estate transactions (primarily commercial); non-regulatory representation of banks and credit unions; general business representation; employment law matters for public and private employers; probate and estate/lifetime planning; advising local governmental entities.

Civil litigation or disputed matters include proceedings in Texas state and federal courts and other administrative, arbitration or mediation forums or tribunals (trial and appeals). Litigated or disputed matters include real estate; commercial; employment; construction; commercial debt collection.

C. Current Professional Licensing

1. 1982 State Bar of Louisiana
2. 1983 State Bar of Texas
3. 1984 United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana
4. 1985 United States Supreme Court
5. 1986 United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
6. 1986 United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas
7. 1990 United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
8. 1990 United States District Court, Northern District of Texas
9. 1992 United States District Court, Western District of Texas

D. Current Professional Associations

1. Texas Bar Association (including the following Sections / Practice Groups):
[a] Administrative and Public Law; [b] Antitrust and Business Litigation {Council Member, 2025 – 2026}; [c] Appellate; [d] Business Law; [e] Construction Law; [f] Corporate Counsel; [g] General Practice, Solo and Small Firm; [h] Government Law; [i] Labor and Employment Law; and [j] Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law {Journal Contributor}.
2. Louisiana State Bar Association
3. American Association of Port Authorities, Law Committee
4. Texas Ports Association, Lawyers Committee
5. Federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association
6. Jefferson County, Texas Bar Association (Including Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange)
7. Smith County, Texas Bar Association (Including the Greater Tyler Area)
8. Texas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow)

E. Previous Professional Associations

1. Texas Association of Bank Counsel
2. Council of School Attorneys, Texas Association of School Boards
3. Orange County (Texas) Bar Association, President and Board Member
4. Southwest Louisiana Bar Association
5. College of the State Bar (Texas)

F. Previous Community and Civic Activities, Associations and Recognitions

1. President and Director, statewide Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers, Inc.
2. President and Director, Leadership of Southeast Texas
3. Chairman and Director, Partnership of Southeast Texas Regional Economic Development
4. Officer and Trustee, Life Resource MHMR Center of Southeast Texas
5. Chairman and Director, Greater Orange (Texas) Area Chamber of Commerce
6. Officer and Director, Orange County (Texas) Chapter of American Red Cross
7. President, Director and Assistant District Governor, Orange (Texas) Rotary Club