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Sander A. Rikleen is a partner in the firm's Litigation Department.

Sander's practice includes a wide variety of commercial trial work, with considerable experience in real estate litigation, securities arbitrations, and appellate work. He has more than 40 years of trial experience in the state and federal courts and in the FINRA (formerly NASD and NYSE) and AAA arbitration forums.

Sander is frequently called upon to solve business problems through the development of strategies to avoid litigation as well as the use of litigation as part of a broader strategy to obtain business objectives. He has experience handling such sensitive matters as the investigation of suspected employee dishonesty and is particularly skilled in matters involving substantial mathematical detail. Sander has been included in the New England Super Lawyers listing, a Thomson Reuters publication since 2004 and is listed in the Commercial Litigation and Real Estate sections of The Best Lawyers in America.

Prior to joining the firm, Sander was a Partner in the Boston office of Edwards Wildman. He was a member of the Adjunct Faculty at the New England School of Law from 1977 to 1985.

PRACTICE AREAS

[Business Litigation](#)

[Litigation](#)

[Real Estate Litigation](#)

INDUSTRIES

[Health Services](#)

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School,
J.D., cum laude

Clark University, B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District
of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District
of Columbia

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Tax Court

EXPERIENCE

- Numerous state and federal trials and appeals
- Numerous Land Court, State and Federal Court actions involving leases, zoning, building at risk, trespass, rights of first refusal, easements, adverse possession, property lines, and title and environmental/conservation matters
- Numerous arbitration defenses of broker-dealers and stockbrokers against customer claims for mishandling retail brokerage accounts, including obtaining specific findings permitting clients to clear their regulatory record
- Obtained defense judgment invalidating a state income tax lien of \$11+ million
- Obtained defense judgment against claim for \$4+ million damages arising out of redeveloping a shopping center without required tenant consent
- Obtained \$1+ million plaintiff's jury verdict for attorney malpractice in connection with buyout of real estate partnership interest
- Obtained plaintiff's jury verdict setting aside a real estate foreclosure sale
- Obtained plaintiff's jury verdict against bank for mishandling wire transfer
- Obtained arbitration award against former employer of a dishonest employee for losses sustained by subsequent employer
- Representation of companies in class action matters involving collection and use of personal identification information, including zip codes

ACCOLADES

- Included in Massachusetts *Super Lawyers*
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- Excellence in Law – Pro Bono (2014)
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated: A/V Preeminent®
- The Denis Maguire Award for Community Service from the Real Estate Bar Association (REBA)
- Listed in *2019 Benchmark Litigation*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Title established by adverse possession not a taking,” co-author, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, May 26, 2020
- “Potential Expansion of Abutter Rights Turned Back,” co-author, *Banker & Tradesman*, April 16, 2020
- “SJC upholds dismissal of zoning appeal for lack of standing,” co-author, *New England Real Estate Journal*, April 3, 2020
- “Massachusetts SJC Announces Outcome Prior to Decision, Reverses Appeals Court Decision and Upholds Dismissal of a Zoning Appeal for Lack of Standing,” co-author, *Boston Real Estate Times*, March 19, 2020

MEMBERSHIPS

- The Abstract Club
- Boston Bar Association
- Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- American Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts
 - Former president
 - Current board member and clerk
- JCAM Charitable Foundation
 - Former president
 - Current board member and clerk
- Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments
 - Former chair and member
- Temple Shir Tikva (Wayland, MA)
 - Former member board of trustees
 - Capital campaign finance chairperson for two of its capital campaigns
 - Former recording secretary
- Wayland-Weston Rowing Association,

- Former board member
- Wayland Swimming and Tennis Club
 - Former treasurer and board member