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David Sanson is special counsel in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's New York office.

Areas of Practice

David has extensive experience litigating a wide range of complex commercial matters across industries, including disputes involving tort, securities, breach-of-contract, statutory, and fraud claims. He has represented: a major pharmaceutical company in numerous trials about a blockbuster drug; a Big Five accounting firm facing securities and fraud claims; one of Canada's largest investment managers in a dispute over high-value life insurance policies; investors and bank trustees in residential mortgage-backed securities litigations; a major telecommunications corporation in a dispute over IP royalties; and a sovereign in connection with DOJ civil forfeiture actions and related global recovery efforts.

He also maintains a robust pro bono practice, which has included representing asylum clients, a foreign national in a notable No-Fly List action, and a public advocacy group as *amicus curiae* in a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prior to joining Sheppard Mullin, David spent several years as a litigation associate at a large New York law firm. After taking a sabbatical to focus on writing projects, he returned to practice at a prominent New York litigation boutique specializing in complex commercial cases.

Experience

- One of Canada's largest investment managers in breach-of-contract and fraud case over high-value life insurance policies.
- Investors and bank trustees in residential mortgage-backed securities litigations.
- A major telecommunications corporation in a dispute over IP royalties.
- A sovereign in connection with DOJ civil forfeiture actions and related global recovery efforts.
- Public advocacy group as *amicus curiae* in RFRA case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Articles

- "The Pervasive Problem of Court-Sanctioned Secrecy and the Exigency of National Reform," 53 Duke L.J. 807, 2003

New York Commercial Division Round-Up Blog Posts

- "New York Legislature Amends CPLR 2106 To Resolve Lingering Confusion over Affirmation Use," December 18, 2025

Practices

Healthcare

Immigration

Litigation

Securities Litigation

Toxic Tort and Product Liability

Industries

Financial Services

Healthcare

Insurance

Telecom

Education

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2004, Duke Law Journal, Editorial Board

M.A. in English, Duke University Graduate School, 2004

B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2001, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit