



**Ryan P. Sandstrom**

Associate

Ryan Sandstrom is a Senior Associate with the firm, practicing primarily in the areas of insurance litigation, insurance coverage, insurance bad faith, personal injury, business law, and civil litigation. In addition to Mr. Sandstrom's insurance coverage, defense, and personal injury practice, he regularly acts as corporate counsel for large and small entities on various business transactions, internal operations and governance, and litigation matters. Mr. Sandstrom currently serves as the co-chair of the firm's Commercial Practice Group.

#### **FULL BIOGRAPHY**

Mr. Sandstrom earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Creighton University School of Law with honors, where he was the recipient of the Dean's Academic Scholarship, the Werner-Robertson Scholarship, and the Lillis, William and Kathleen Scholarship. During law school, Mr. Sandstrom was a member of the Creighton Law Review Board of Editors, as well as a member of the National Trial Team, National Arbitration Team, and National Moot Court Team. He was the Champion of the Creighton Trial Competition, and a Regional Finalist in the Texas Young Lawyers National Trial Competition.

After law school, Mr. Sandstrom received the American Board of Trial Advocates Award in recognition of excellence in trial skills. He also received the David A. Svoboda Award in recognition of outstanding oral advocacy and trial skills. Mr. Sandstrom is an Associate Author and Editor of the Arizona Tort Law Handbook, and frequently publishes law review and trade journal articles on various aspects of insurance law.

As a former insurance salesman and in-house attorney with one of the largest insurance underwriters in the United States, Mr. Sandstrom has a unique and thorough understanding of insurance law.

Mr. Sandstrom is also a volunteer leader with his local church. He is married with four children. Mr. Sandstrom is also fluent in Russian.

## **EDUCATION**

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Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska  
J.D. cum laude - 2012

Law Review: Law Review Board, Research Editor, 2011 - 2012

Law Review: Law Review, Staff Editor, 2010 - 2011

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

B.A. - 2009

Major: Russian

Minor: Business Management/Finance, and Music

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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- Arizona, 2012
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2013

## **JOINED FIRM**

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2015

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- American Bar Association Coverage Litigation Section
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- Recipient, American Board of Trial Advocates Award, issued by Chief Judge William J. Riley
- Recipient, David A. Svoboda Award, in recognition of excellence of oral advocacy and trials skills

- Champion, Creighton University School of Law Trial Competition
- Outstanding Oralist, Creighton University School of Law Moot Court Competition
- Best Appellate Brief Nominee, Creighton University School of Law Moot Court Competition
- Regional Finalist, Texas Young Lawyers National Trial Competition

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

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- Evaluating The Relationship Between Independent Insurance Adjusters And Insureds: The Case Against Imposing An Independent Duty Of Care, 48 Creighton L. Rev. 245 , March, 2015
- Arizona Tort Law Handbook, Associate Author and Editor

## **PRO BONO**

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- Boy Scouts of America, Volunteer Leader, 2009 - Present

## **PAST EMPLOYMENT**

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- Rowley Chapman and Barney, Associate, 2012 - 2013
- Kunz Plitt Hyland & Demlong, Associate, 2013 - 2015

## **LANGUAGES**

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- Russian

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