

Fletcher Sanders C.V. Mediator – Dallas, Texas

Owner, Mustard Seed Investments

Law Offices of Rick Mills

Texas A&M University School of Law

Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas

I am a graduate of the first graduating class of Texas A&M University School of Law, December, 2013. My goal is to work with a law firm specializing in civil litigation and to become an attorney in that field. I was both a Financial Planner and a Registered Investment Advisor working ten years in that field and was selected to be in the first class of a newly formed program granting a certification as a Certified Wealth Strategist. I hold a Master's degree in Counseling, and was instrumental in forming a Divorce Recovery Group and also a Grief Sharing Group. I plan to sit for the bar in July, 2014. While attending law school at night, I maintained an insurance agency which I both owned and operated as the chief agent. My decision to choose litigation was influenced by my interning with Rick Mills, a Probate and Estate planning attorney. I realized that I was more suited with my background in Mediation and Negotiation to engage in litigation rather than be engaged in paperwork most of the time. This, coupled with my natural competitive spirit makes this a suitable field for me.

Experience

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Intern

Company Name Law Offices of Rick Mills

Dates Employed Jan 2013 – Present

Employment Duration 4 yrs 10 mos

Location 1414 W. Wheatland Rd, Duncanville, TX

I am interned with Rick Mills, a well established probate and estate planning attorney in Duncanville who also does some transactional work. My job was to research cases and formulate possible strategies for resolution of the case. Mr. Mill also allowed me to interview possible witnesses to both gather and confirm information for upcoming cases. My work was done independently of Mr. Mills. My final results were analyzed by Mr. Mills and then discussed as to probable outcomes for the case and alternate ways of looking at problems. Having explored that area of law and also having some

knowledge of it gained as both a Financial Planner and a Registered Investment Advisor, I have chosen not to pursue that area of the law, but to instead specialize in litigation.

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Advocacy competition participant in Mediation and Client Counseling

Company Name Advocacy Competitions

Dates Employed Oct 2010 – Present

Employment Duration 7 yrs 1 mo

Selected Mediator, for ABA Sanctioned Competitions at University of Houston School of Law, 2011, 2012, 2013. Selected for Client Counseling; team in 2013 to compete in ABA Sanction Regional Competition at University of Houston School of Law. Placed 3rd in regionals with perfect scores in both preliminary and semi-final rounds. I have helped coach Texas A&M University School of Law competition teams in Arbitration, Client Counseling and Mediation.

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Student

Company Name Texas Wesleyan School of Law

Dates Employed Jun 2010 – Present

Employment Duration 7 yrs 5 mos

Location Fort Worth, Texas

Law student studying Probate and Estate Planning. While attending school have held a Student Bar Association (SBA) position as a student representative as a 1L, 2L, and 3L student. Was appointed to the Board of Advocacy Committee (BOAC) in the Spring of 2012 in the Advocacy section and have maintained my position overseeing and participating in ABA sanctioned competitions on both the divisional level as well as the Intramural level. Have been privileged to help coach competition teams for Arbitration, Client Counseling, and Negotiation as well as the ABA sanctioned National Triathlon Competition.

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Mediator, trainer, speaker.

Company Name Dispute Resolution Services

Dates Employed Jul 2009 – Present

Employment Duration 8 yrs 4 mos

Location Fort Worth, Texas

I became qualified to mediate in 2009 after completing 60 hours of training. I have mediated both family and general mediations such as divorce settlements, landlord-tenant disputes, employment disputes, personal injury negotiations and insurance settlements of various kinds. I began speaking to mediators in training and training them in 2011 and have continued until present.

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President, Founder

Company Name Mustard Seed Investments

Dates Employed Feb 2007 – Jan 2010

Employment Duration 3 yrs

Location Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex

I worked as both a Financial Planner and Registered Investment Advisor; first with FFP Securities and FFP Advisory (St. Louis, MO) and later with First Allied Planners and First Allied Advisory out of San Diego, CA. I functioned as both an investment advisor and Registered Representative until resigning effective January 1, 2010. While working as a planner, I worked with attorneys and CPAs to provide individuals both investments and investment products such as LTC and Disability insurance and was selected as one of 50 persons to be trained as a Certified Wealth Strategist at Duke University. At the time of the selection, there only 400 such persons in the investment industry.

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Founder and Owner

Company Name Sandco Interprises

Dates Employed Dec 1999 – Jun 2007

Employment Duration 7 yrs 7 mos

Location Shreveport, Lousisnan

Insurance agency and investment advisory. Secured Series 7 and Series 66 licenses in both securities and advisory positions. Completed Series 7 with Prudential Securities (PRUCO) in 1999. Completed Series 66 while being affiliated with First Financial Planners (St. Louis, MO). Was affilitad with First Financial Advisory and worked as a Registered Investment Advisor under their advisory arm. While doing so also functioned as an independent insurance agent under Sandco Interprises. Upon leaving the field of investments, I continued in the field of insurance specializing in Medicare and Medicare related products. My book of business included clients from both Louisiana and Texas and grew to be over 550 clients. I have currently have chosen to devote my time to pursuing a position in law rather than insurance and am studying to take the Texas Bar Exam in July, 2014.

Education

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Texas A&M University School of Law

Degree Name J.D

Field Of Study Probate and Estate Planning

Dates attended or expected graduation 2010 – 2013

Activities and Societies: Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity, Treasurer 2012-2013 Student Bar Association, 1L Rep-2010-2011, 2L Rep-2011-2012, 3L Rep-2012-2013 Board of Advocates, Coordinator for Mediation Advocacy, ABA Section Mediator, A.J. Abrams ABA Sanctioned Competition

it is important to me to be both a good student and to also participate in activities that support the student body and the school. By participating in the activities that I have chosen, I believe that it has

given me an opportunity to give back to both the school, the people who came before me, the present students and the students that come after me. I am grateful that I was given an opportunity by the people who felt as if I could do the job and either appoint me or elected me to my positions. I hope that their trust has not been misplaced.

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University of Louisiana Monroe

Degree Name Master of Education (MEd) in CACREP

Field Of Study Counseling

Grade 3.87

Dates attended or expected graduation 1990 – 1993

Activities and Societies: Held two graduate assistant positions; one in the computer lab both teaching computers to Educational Majors and assisting students with their computer work and editing and proofreading grants and proposals for faculty members applying for Federal grants.

Attended ULM in CACREP counseling with emphasis in eight areas of specialized counseling and with a requirement to be Nationally Board Certified. While a student, I was selected to teach group therapy to other graduate students enrolled in various types of counseling. I did my practicum with my own clients diagnosing their problems, creating plans for therapy and then implementing those plans. My internship was done at a group counseling facility where I conducted group meeting in drug rehabilitation therapy and in self analysis.

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