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Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1991 (*Virginia Law Review*)
A.B., Dartmouth College, 1987

Bar Admissions

Delaware

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Henry R. Horsey,
Delaware Supreme Court (1991-92)

Associations

Fellow, American College of
Trial Lawyers

Rob Saunders is head of Skadden's Wilmington office. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and one of the pre-eminent trial lawyers practicing before Delaware's renowned Court of Chancery. Mr. Saunders frequently provides transactional advice on the Delaware law of corporations, limited partnerships and limited liability companies. He also is a co-author of the leading treatise in the field, *Folk on the Delaware General Corporation Law*.

Mr. Saunders led the Skadden team that achieved complete victory after trial for Sprint Corporation in connection with its acquisition of Clearwire Corporation, which was highlighted by *The American Lawyer* in declaring Skadden a finalist for 2018 Litigation Department of the Year. In recent years he has also tried cases successfully to judgment for The Coca-Cola Company, Commonwealth REIT, TravelCenters of America LLC and the stockholders of EPCO Carbon Dioxide Products, Inc. He also has represented such clients as EMC Corporation, American Capital, Ltd., Windstream Corporation, The WhiteWave Foods Company, Sprint Nextel Corporation, New Residential Investment Corp. and Hillshire Brands, and special committees of the boards of directors of CNX Gas Corporation and TPC Group Inc. in litigation relating to mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Saunders also advises clients engaged in litigation in Delaware courts over intellectual property issues.

Mr. Saunders was named a 2021 Trailblazer and a 2019 Litigator of the Year by *The American Lawyer*, as well as a leading lawyer by *The Legal 500* in 2019 and a 2018 Winning Litigator by *The National Law Journal*. He also has repeatedly been named in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, which named him its 2020 and 2018 Wilmington Litigation - Securities Lawyer of the Year.

Mr. Saunders serves on the Delaware Court of Chancery Rules Committee.

Publications

"Inside the Courts," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, recurring publication

"Directors' Fiduciary Duties: Back to Delaware Law Basics," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, February 19, 2020

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