



## Thomas Sanders

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### Languages

- Dutch
- English
- French

### Admitted to bar

- The Netherlands

### Membership

- Chairman Editorial Board at Wolters Kluwer Legal & Regulatory Nederland - Module Administrative Law
- Member of the board of the Dutch Administrative Law Association (VAR)
- Member of the board of the Relief Fund Round Table the Netherlands
- Member of the Association of Environmental Lawyers (VMA)

### Education

- Leiden University: PhD, Administrative Law
- Grotius Academy: Environment & Planning (Cum Laude)
- Leiden University: Master of Laws, Administrative and Constitutional Law
- Utrecht University: Master of Science, MS, Economics (regulated markets)
- Leiden University: Master of Arts - MA (cum laude), History

### About Thomas Sanders

Thomas Sanders (PhD, LLM, MSc, MA) specializes in Dutch enforcement law. He represents governmental bodies, companies and citizens when they are confronted with administrative sanctions, such as (conditional) fines, administrative coercion or the revocation of permits. He also aids clients with issues in the field of planning and environmental law.

Thomas regularly represents clients with cases which are in the public eye and the news. Examples of clients and cases Thomas has taken on are:

- A Fortune 500 company defending against the imposition of conditional fines for environmental violations;
- A municipal authority in preventing the collapse of a church building;
- A provincial authority in the closure of a chemical waste company;
- A municipal authority in the closure of the clubhouse of a criminal motorcycle gang;
- A Nasdaq listed company with respect to a fine imposed for offering illegal gambling;
- The Minister of Justice and Security with advice on enforcement proceedings against child pornography providers;
- The Minister of Interior with advice on enforcement proceedings against illegal land use.

Thomas's clients said the following about him:

- *"He is very knowledgeable on the matter, with a lot of technical expertise. Furthermore, he is very accessible for client questions, being able to outline his legal arguments to non-lawyers but also without losing perspective on the bigger picture, beyond the strict legal angle. In dealings with the Dutch government he took a firm technical position on the merits of the case while keeping his composure and remaining friendly, respectful and professional - very impressive. I would recommend anyone dealing with an issue in enforcement law to reach out to Thomas."*
- *"Thomas is a dedicated lawyer with a strong but pleasant personality. He brings calm to the case and possesses the ability to use humor to make his point irresistibly convincing. Urgent matters are dealt with urgently - wherever he is. Promises are always kept. I would certainly recommend Thomas as a lawyer."*

Thomas received his PhD in law from the University of Leiden for his thesis 'The recovery of administrative sanctions' (2018). He is a nationally acknowledged specialist in this field.

In addition to his work for AKD, Thomas is a lecturer at the Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary. Thomas is also a commentator of administrative judgements for the leading jurisprudence journal in administrative law.

If you have a challenging enforcement case where you cannot reach an agreement with the government, or if you are confronted by an enforcement measure which you doubt is justified, do not hesitate to mail Thomas or call him to discuss the matter.