

# The Honorable Steven Sanders

## Biography

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Steven Sanders, 61, is a lifelong resident of New York. Married to Tammy Jo, they reside in New York City and Troy, New York. Mr. Sanders is currently the Executive Director of ACTS (Agencies for Children's Therapy Services). ACTS is comprised of 27 companies from around the State that provides Early Intervention S.E.I.T. and Preschool Special Education services to toddlers. Mr. Sanders was a partner at the Government Consulting firm Crane Sanders from 2006-2009. In 2010 Mr. Sanders joined the Government Consulting firm of Malkin & Ross.

From 1978 – 2005 Mr. Sanders served as a Member of the New York State Assembly. He was elected and re-elected 15 times from his East Side of Manhattan District.

From 1995 – 2005 Mr. Sanders was Chairman of the Assembly Education Committee the longest such tenure in the history of the Assembly, where he presided over the largest expansion of State aid for education in New York's history. Some of the notable accomplishments during that period include:

- Enactment of the New York City School governance overhaul (Mayoral Control) 2002
- School anti violence law 1999
- Public Charter School Creation 1998
- Enactment of Universal Pre-K and class size reduction programs 1997
- Extending school budget votes to Small city School districts 1996

Prior to his appointment as Education Committee Chair Mr. Sanders also headed the following Assembly committees:

- Mental Health Committee 1993 – 1994
- Governmental Operations Committee 1989 – 1992
- Election Law Committee 1987 – 1988
- Oversight and Investigations Committee 1985 – 1986
- Human Rights Subcommittee 1981 – 1984

Other significant laws and accomplishments of Mr. Sanders during those years include:

- Sexual Orientation Non Discrimination Act (SONDA) 2002
- The Community Mental Health Reinvestment Act 1993

- Early intervention services for Pre-School toddlers 1991
- Expanding Ballot Access in elections 1987
- Continuing Services for “Aging Out” disabled young adults 1983
- Senior Citizen Protection from Eviction Co-Op/Condo Plans 1981
- Enactment of the Press “Shield Law” 1981

In 2004 Mr. Sanders became an Adjunct Professor at City College New York (CCNY) where he taught a graduate course in education history. Mr. Sanders coincidentally received a BA degree in government from CCNY in 1973.

In 2008 Mr. Sanders was elected to the Board of Directors of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE), which spearheaded the successful legal and legislative efforts to better direct education dollars to the neediest school districts in New York State. Mr. Sanders was a guest lecturer at Harvard University on the subject of public education funding and politics (2008).

During his 28 years as an Assemblyman, Mr. Sanders was the recipient of dozens of awards and citations particularly in the fields of Education, Disabilities and Civil Rights. In 1987 Mr. Sanders was named Ethical Legislator of the year by Common Cause.

Steven Sanders and his wife are avid baseball fans and enjoy traveling to new baseball stadiums around the country each year.