

Sandy Leeds

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Austin, TX, US

Capital markets, investment strategy, corporate finance and the economy

Biography

Sanford J. (Sandy) Leeds, CFA is a lawyer and money manager, and the director of the student-run MBA Investment Fund at the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin. He is a popular lecturer, speaker and writer on topics involving investments, the economy and public policy. He tends to keep a particularly close eye on the Federal Reserve.

Leeds is a distinguished senior lecturer at the school of business, and teaches graduate-level courses, including Corporate Finance, Advanced Corporate Finance, Investments, and Portfolio Management/Security Analysis. He is a member of the Texas State Bar, and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Before he joined the faculty, Sandy managed money for a private money management firm. He was one of four portfolio managers responsible for approximately \$1.6 billion of assets. He analyzed publicly-traded companies, and has extensive experience implementing option strategies.

Sandy also has significant legal experience, having conducted approximately 100 jury trials and 100 bench trials. He has participated in the regulation of the securities industry, conducting the hearing against most of the principals involved in the Sterling Foster case (a \$75 million fraud). He has also advised attorneys on financial related litigation involving options, hedge fund, and other matters.

Sandy Leeds is an experienced executive education teacher in the Texas Executive MBA program in Dallas, as well as in international general management programs. He has received numerous awards for teaching excellence.

Availability

Keynote, Host/MC

Industry Expertise

Business Services, Investment Management, Investment Banking, Legal Services, Capital Markets, Financial Services

Areas of Expertise

Capital Markets, Investment Management, Mba Investment Fund, Venture Capital, U.S. Financial Policy, Federal Reserve, Financial Fraud, Derivatives, Money Management, Macroeconomics

Affiliations

Texas State Bar : Member, The MBA Investment Fund, LLC. : President and Chief Investment Officer, CFA Institute: Chartered Financial Analyst, Girls' School of Austin: Board of Trustees, Culverhouse Investment Management Group: Advisory Board, Berman Capital Advisors: Advisory Board

Sample Talks

Numbers All Americans Should Know

This presentation focuses on many of the fiscal and economic numbers that you should be familiar with in order to participate in the political and economic discussions that will continue to take place well into the foreseeable future. We'll discuss debt, social security, health care, disability insurance, employment and other issues.

Sandy Leeds' 30+ Ideas from the Real World

Breaking his typical pattern of what he admitted could be classified as an “anal-retentive” organizational system, Sandy Leeds, McCombs finance department senior lecturer, covered a wide array of current financial and economic topics at the Alumni Business Conference.

Event Appearances

What is the Macro-Economic Outlook?

Real Estate Finance Investment Conference

Save Your People (401[k] plans)

Austin Fiduciary Summit

The Top Ten Questions About the Economy

Conference of the County Investment Academy

Numbers All Americans Should Know

Knowledge to Go Lecture Series

Thoughts on the Economy

Hankamer School of Business

Sandy Leeds' 30+ Ideas from the Real World

4th Annual Alumni Business Conference

Education

The University of Texas Graduate School of Business

MBA. Finance

University of Virginia School of Law

J.D. Law

Accomplishments

Provost's Teaching Fellow

The Provost's Teaching Fellows program is designed to strengthen faculty participation and governance in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), enhance faculty collaboration across disciplinary and institutional boundaries, and support specific faculty-led projects to improve teaching and learning.

CBA Foundation Advisory Council Award for Teaching Innovation

School-wide award for innovative teaching (awarded for innovative new class).

Outstanding Faculty Mentor

Selected by Graduating MBA Class and Presented at Graduation (Spring 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006).

Outstanding Professor

Selected by McCombs graduate students for excellence in teaching graduate level classes. 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2014

MBA Faculty Honor Roll

Based on Student Selection Process (Spring 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010) (Fall 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013)

The Joe D. Beasley Award for Teaching Excellence

Awarded by the McCombs School of Business.

Testimonials

David Wenger

Sandy Leeds captures an audience with practical, topical insights into the complexities of financial markets and their economic impacts, all delivered with cleverness and humor. It's what has made him one of our most popular speakers, writers and lecturers.

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