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Doug is a nationally-recognized trial and appellate lawyer who is considered "one of the preeminent litigators in New Jersey" (*Chambers USA*). His practice focuses on complex civil litigation, including securities fraud, antitrust, consumer fraud, class actions, and derivative litigation. He has represented high-profile public officials, including the chief justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court and the governor of New Jersey.

Respected as an intelligent and creative advocate who delivers for his clients in critical, complex "make or break" cases, Doug is committed to client focus and service beyond just his clients' litigation needs, extending into strategic consultation and advice.

An active member of his community, Doug chaired the board of the national Legal Services Corporation for more than nine years. He currently serves as chair of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and as trustee of Legal Services of New Jersey. A former Rhodes Scholar and First Assistant Attorney General of the state of New Jersey, Doug is the Alan V. Lowenstein Professor of Corporate and Business Law at Rutgers Law School, where he teaches courses in business organizations, corporate governance, and compliance & enterprise risk management. He is also the founder and co-director of the Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance and the Rutgers Law School Entrepreneurship Clinic.

HONORS & AWARDS

> **Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2005-2020)**

Consistently acknowledged in the area of commercial litigation

> **The Best Lawyers in America (2008-2021)**

Recognized as a "bet-the-company" litigator for his work in "make or break" litigation, 2021 Lawyer of the Year for Securities Litigation, as well as the Antitrust Law, Mass Tort Litigation, Class Actions - Defendants Law, and Commercial Litigation sections

> **First Legal Services of New Jersey/New Jersey State Bar Association Pro Bono Publico Award (Debevoise-Eakeley Award)**

This award was established in 1983 (and presented annually thereafter) to honor those who, over a number of years, have devoted an extraordinary level of time and effort to financially disadvantaged people through direct representation, securing increased services or legal representation from others, or advocating for a greater measure of substantive justice.

> **Reynoso-Abascal Don Quixote Award**

Presented by California Rural Legal Assistance

> **Making Democracy Work Award**

Presented by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey

> **Lifetime of Leadership Award**

Presented by Lead New Jersey

> **John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award**

Presented by the American Bar Association Litigation Section

> **Judge Learned Hand Award**

Presented by the American Jewish Committee, New Jersey Chapter

> **Thurgood Marshall College Fund, Award of Excellence**

For professional distinction and commitment to justice, civil rights, and education.

EDUCATION

- > Yale Law School (J.D. 1972)

- > Oxford University (B.A. 1970), Jurisprudence
- > Yale University (B.A. 1968), summa cum laude, with highest honors in economics, Rhodes Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa (elected junior year)

ADMISSIONS

- > New York (ret.)
- > New Jersey