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Doug's **civil litigation** practice includes governmental and police liability, banking insurance litigation, product liability, administrative and regulatory law, and health law.

His **commercial litigation** practice covers contract disputes, commercial insolvency, priority disputes, and general bankruptcy and insolvency matters.

Doug has acted as counsel at more than 25 trials before the Superior Court of Justice and the Federal Court of Canada, on issues such as Police Liability, Products Liability and Crown liability.

He also has extensive experience before appellate courts, including the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Ontario Divisional Court and the Federal Court of Appeal.

Experience

- Acted as counsel on coroner's inquests, judicial reviews, arbitrations and *habeas corpus* applications.
- Acted as counsel on numerous matters on the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court, including applications to appoint a receiver, injunction applications, motions to approve a receiver-sale of assets and priority disputes.
- Acted as counsel on numerous leave applications to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Insights & Events

- Instructor - BLG 301
- Instructor - BLG negotiation course for summer students
- Instructor - University of Toronto Diploma in Investigative and Forensic Accounting
- Material withholding renders life insurance coverage voidable
- Court Concludes Police Owed No Private Law Duty of Care to Victim of Unexpected Shooting

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Mentor to BLG associates, articling students and summer students

Awards & Recognitions

- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2019 (and since 2011) editions of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Insurance Law; Personal Injury Litigation).

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1995
- LLB, Queen's University, 1993
- B.Sc., McMaster University, 1990

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