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Douglas E. Hewlett, Jr.

COUNSEL

Doug represents clients in a wide variety of commercial and class action litigation matters, as well as white collar criminal investigations and matters.



Industries

Public Finance
— Education

Practices

Complex Litigation
— Class Actions
Government Enforcement & White Collar
Insurance & Reinsurance

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University of Southern California Gould School of Law, JD, 2013

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Doug has wide-ranging commercial, class action, and white collar defense litigation experience. His practice includes representing clients in complex commercial disputes, consumer protection matters, contract, and fiduciary duty claims, and all phases of pre-trial, trial, post-trial, and appellate litigation. His white collar practice includes representing both individual and corporate clients under investigation by state and federal law enforcement agencies, managing formal responses to government inquiries, negotiations with the government, ongoing advice, and litigation where appropriate. Doug routinely appears in both federal and state trial and appellate courts.

Doug's practice spans a wide variety of industries and practice areas, including automotive, medical, consumer products, constitutional law, labor and employment, regulatory enforcement advice and defense, and advertising and representation issues. He has particular experience in consumer protection and class action law, including the FDCPA (Fair Debt Collection Practices Act); TCPA (Telephone Consumer Protection Act); RICO defense (Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act); and California Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, regarding business practices in California.

Doug is one of the firm's go-to trial lawyers, praised for his ability to "parachute in" shortly before trial, take charge of strategy, and try cases to a successful result. He was recently recognized for this particular skill, and others, by *Daily Journal*. Doug is also a trusted litigator with specialized, repeated success handling bankruptcy adversary proceedings; high-value motions for attorneys' fees; state, federal, and foreign civil procedure; and enforcing judgments in California for out-of-state and international clients.

Firm Citizenship

Doug previously served as the Chair of the firm's nationwide Associates' Committee, the Co-Chair of the Associates' Diversity Subcommittee, and the only associate Board Member of the ArentFox Schiff Center for Justice. He is also a member of the Los Angeles office's summer associate Hiring Committee, where he is active in the firm's hiring and diversity efforts. Doug takes the firm's diversity and inclusion initiatives to heart and has been critical in the firm's efforts to drive progress both inside and outside of the firm.

Recognitions

Doug has been recognized by *Daily Journal* as a “Top 40 Under 40” California attorney for 2024, and was recognized as one of the “Top 40 Under 40 Members in California” by The National Black Lawyers - Top 40 Under 40 in 2022.

Clerkship & Externships

Before joining ArentFox Schiff, Doug served as a law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge K. Michael Moore of the US District Court, Southern District of Florida. Doug also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall of the US District Court, Central District of California, and as a certified extern in the US Attorney’s Office Criminal Division, Central District of California, where he first-chaired and won his first trial.

Pro Bono Work

Doug is also proudly recognized for his commitment to the firm’s pro bono efforts. He filed and argued habeas petitions in over three dozen individual cases, successfully obtaining the release of unaccompanied minor asylum-seekers from unlawful detention in either Border Patrol or ICE custody. He also led a team in a multi-year case in which the firm represented a young woman bringing claims of sexual assault and grooming against her doctor and former employer, successfully navigating the complexities of a #MeToo era case and obtaining justice for a vulnerable client.

Previous Work

Doug previously worked as an associate in an international law firm’s Los Angeles office.

Life Beyond the Law

In his free time, Doug enjoys playing flag football, watching Formula 1 and the NFL, is a captain of the firm’s Los Angeles softball team, and roots for his beloved Harvard Crimson football team as an alum.

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

US District Court, Central District of California

US District Court, Southern District of California

US District Court, Northern District of California