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Partner

Doug founded IMK in 1997 with the late Colin K. Irving. In the course of his career, he has acted as lead counsel in many complex cases, participated in trials covered by the media, advised clients on challenging issues and played key roles in crisis management to avoid or settle disputes. His career and his way of intervening in cases have earned him the respect of all the courts before which he has pleaded. He has acted for the Chief Justice of Quebec and Inquiry Committees of the Canadian Judicial Council and has pleaded numerous cases before the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also been appointed as *amicus curiae* in both the Québec Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

His clients include large and small companies, individuals, and public institutions. His areas of expertise cover the spheres of business litigation and constitutional and administrative law, among others. He also regularly acts as an arbitrator in a wide area of cases. As a “lawyer’s lawyer” his strategic insights and overall practical advice are often sought out by other law firms, whether in conflict of interest matters or other matters.

Bar

Québec - 1989

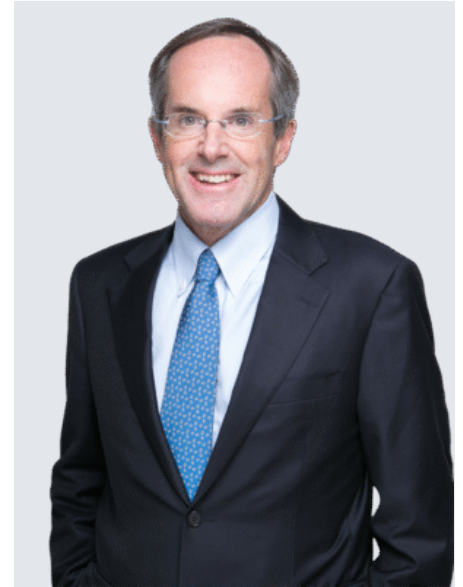
Areas of practice

Class Actions | Arbitration and mediation | Administrative |
Constitutional | Employment | Civil and commercial | Securities and
banking | Shareholder disputes | Appellate advocacy

Representative mandates

McGill University v. Students for Palestine’s Honour and Resistance McGill

Ludmer et al v. Canada Revenue Agency



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English, French

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Education

B.C.L., LL.B., McGill University, 1988

B.A. (Honours), Queen's University, 1984

Industry Recognition

Professional Recognition

Chambers and Partners

Nationwide-Canada

Litigation – General Commercial in Québec Legal (Band 2) 2026

Litigation: Administrative & Public Law (Spotlight) 2026

Litigation: Administrative & Public Law (Band 2) General Commercial Litigation in Quebec: 2018-2026

Chambers Global

Dispute Resolution: Litigation (Band 4) 2025

LEXPERT

Most Frequently Recommended: Litigation – Corporate Commercial: 2019-2024

Consistently Recommended: Litigation – Directors' & Officers' Liability: 2020-2024

Repeatedly Recommended: Class Actions: 2020-2021

Repeatedly Recommended: Litigation – Securities: 2023

Leading Lawyers to Watch: Corporate Commercial Litigation: 2018

Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide

Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada in Corporate Commercial Litigation: 2013-2024

Best Lawyers in Canada

Lawyer of the Year (Montreal) Bet-the-Company Litigation: 2014, 2021, 2024

Lawyer of the Year (Montreal) Class Action Litigation: 2020

Lawyer of the Year (Montreal) Corporate and Commercial Litigation: 2010

Appellate Practice: since 2025

Alternative Dispute Resolution: since 2026

Bet-the-Company Litigation: since 2013

Class Action Litigation: since 2010

Corporate and Commercial Litigation: since 2006

Benchmark Litigation

Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada: 2017-2025

Litigation Star: arbitration, class actions, commercial litigation, product liability, and securities: 2017-2025

Quebec Litigator of the Year: 2021

Awards

Distinction of *Advocatus Emeritus* of the Quebec Bar: 2023

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers: 2009

Associations

Canadian Bar Association

American College of Trial Lawyers

The Advocates' Society

Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

Professional activities

American College of Trial Lawyers

Vice-president, Canadian Foundation of the ACTL (current)

Member of the Province of Québec Committee (current)

Former member of the Canada—United States Committee

The Advocates' Society

Member of the Board of Directors 2018-2022

Member of the Modern Advocacy Task Force 2020-2021

Member of the Quebec Advisory Committee since 2016

Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

Member since 2022

Montreal Bar Association

Treasurer 2003-2004

Canadian Bar Association

Member

Teaching

Faculty of Law of McGill University

Sessional Lecturer - "Evidence: Civil Matters": 2010-2016

Published Articles

Co-author of "LegisPratique – Code de procédure Civile annoté", LexisNexis, 2008-2019 (annual editions)

“Procédure en appel”, with Éric Cadi in JurisClasseur Québec, coll. “Droit civil”, Procédure civile 1, fasc. 27, Montréal, LexisNexis Canada

Canadian chapter in “Trans-National Litigation”, avec Colin K. Irving, Kreindler & Holdsworth eds., 1997

Speaking Engagements

“Doing Well by Doing Good: Enhancing Your Career as a Trial Attorney with Pro Bono Service”, presented by The American College of Trial Lawyers and The Association of Pro Bono Counsel, panel moderator “Corporate and Outside Counsel Partnering Together to Close the Access to Justice Gap”, November 10, 2022

“The Advocate Making a Difference”, Spring Symposium 2021, presented by The American College of Trial Lawyers and The Advocates’ Society: Co-president of the Symposium and panel moderator “The Importance of Pro Bono Work: A View from Corporate In-House Counsel”, April 18, 2021

“Le Forum des Avocats et Avocates Séniers”, The Advocates’ Society, Co-president of the program and panel on “Le procès médiatisé : meilleures pratiques pour la gestion des médias”, May 13, 2019

“Courtesy and Civility”, presented by The American College of Trial Lawyers at the Law Faculty of McGill University, panel organizer and speaker with the Honourable Peter Kalichman, j.s.c., and M^e Suzanne H. Pringle, March 14, 2019

“Protection des régimes de retraite en contexte d’insolvabilité : à la recherche de l’intention du législateur”, Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Division, speaker, April 18, 2018

“Application of section 133 in Quebec: Effect on the evolution of Canadian and Quebec law” – 150 years of Legislative and Judicial Bilingualism: History, Current Reality and Outlook for the Future, conference presented by the Commissioner of Official Languages, Ottawa, speaker, March 5, 2017

“Trial Practice Do’s & Don’ts: Hot Tips from the Experts” – 7th edition, Barreau de Montréal, speaker, November 5, 2015

“Successfully Meeting Corporate Governance Obligations”, Quebec-Ontario Business Law Summit: Multi-Jurisdictional Transaction, Ontario Bar Association, speaker, May 21, 2015

Publication

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Benchmark Litigation 2025