



## Doug Dodds

Partner

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Doug serves as the firm's Managing Partner. He has a wealth of experience in complex business litigation. He was previously chair of the firm's Litigation Section. He has represented clients in lawsuits and claims involving legal malpractice, contract disputes, class actions, misappropriation of trade secrets, deceptive or fraudulent sales practices, antitrust, business torts and numerous other commercial disputes. Doug represents both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts in Texas. He has represented clients ranging from Fortune 100 Corporations, to some of the largest law firms in Texas, to individuals involved in business disputes.

## Experience

### Professional Liability Litigation

Doug has spent the majority of his career representing lawyers and law firms in a variety of matters and venues. He has represented lawyers in federal district courts, bankruptcy courts, state courts, before the State Bar of Texas and on private consultations regarding a variety of issues. He has defended lawyers in class actions, in claims brought by clients, and in claims brought by third parties. He has also represented lawyers in efforts to collect payment of fees for legal services.

Doug's experience includes:

- Represented a large Dallas firm accused in a class action of conspiracy and aiding and abetting violations of The Texas Securities Act, fraud, and conversion in connection with work done for an investment advisory firm.

## Practice Areas

Professional Liability Litigation  
Oil & Gas  
Financial Services  
Complex Business Litigation  
Litigation  
Oil & Gas Litigation

## Education

The University of Texas School of Law,  
J.D., 1986  
Kansas State University, B.S., 1983

## Admissions

### BAR

Texas

### COURT

United States Court of Appeals for the  
Fifth Circuit  
United States District Courts for the  
Eastern, Northern, Southern, and  
Western Districts of Texas



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- Represented a large New York firm accused of committing fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and participation in a conspiracy to disguise insolvency in connection with work done for health care entities.
- Represented a large Austin firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties in a commercial real estate transaction.
- Represented a large Austin firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties in a lawsuit regarding estate taxes.
- Represented a large Austin firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties in a bankruptcy matter.
- Represented a large national firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties in a patent prosecution matter.
- Represented a large national firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties in connection with advice given regarding an international arbitration.
- Represented a large Austin firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties in connection with representation of a medical partnership.
- Represented an Austin firm accused of committing malpractice in a trade secrets lawsuit.
- Represented a large Dallas firm accused of committing malpractice in a patent matter.
- Represented a large Austin firm accused of committing malpractice in a probate matter.
- Represented a large regional firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties in connection with representation of a creditor.
- Represented a large regional firm accused of committing malpractice in connection with a family law matter.
- Represented a large regional firm accused of committing malpractice in connection with a premarital agreement.
- Represented a large Houston firm accused of committing malpractice and breaching fiduciary duties on a transactional matter for a technology company.
- Represented a large Austin firm accused of committing malpractice as local counsel on a litigation/regulatory matter.
- Represented a large Houston firm accused of fraud, negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, and conspiracy in connection with work done by the firm in a large foreclosure.
- Represented a large Austin firm accused of malpractice, breach of fiduciary duties, conspiracy and tortious interference with contract in connection with work done for a medical startup company.
- Representation of attorneys in grievance actions before the State Bar of Texas.

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### Insurance Litigation

Doug has represented numerous health insurance companies in disputes with the Texas Department of Insurance. He has also represented multiple insurance companies in class actions involving sales practices in claim disputes.

### Financial Services

Doug represented an automobile lending company in a breach of contract case against a company that was expected to fund business operations, defended a national credit company against plaintiffs who sought a worldwide class involving lease agreements, represented home lenders in a purported, class actions and represented clients in matter involving automobile finance companies in a wide variety of matters.

### News

McGinnis Lochridge recognized in Chambers USA 2022 Rankings  
06.03.2022

McGinnis Lochridge recognized in *Chambers USA 2021* Rankings  
May 21, 2021

Managing Partner Doug Dodds Is Recognized as Executive Leader Award Finalist  
June 20, 2019

McGinnis Lochridge continues year of exceptional growth with addition of prominent trial lawyers; opens Dallas office  
June 5, 2018

McGinnis Lochridge Welcomes Established Energy-Sector Attorney in Decatur, Texas  
May 1, 2018

Prominent Austin Attorney Ashton G. Cumberbatch, Jr. to Join McGinnis Lochridge  
May 1, 2018

Prominent Austin law firm adds another respected attorney  
March 23, 2018

Distinguished Austin law firm adds team of skilled corporate, estate planning and tax law attorneys

February 1, 2018

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Eleven McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2015 Texas Super Lawyers List  
September 9, 2015

Eleven McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2014 Super Lawyers list, a Thomson Reuters Service  
September 5, 2014

Nine McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2013 Texas Super Lawyers List, a Thomson Reuters service  
September 9, 2013

Twelve McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2012 Texas Super Lawyers list  
September 10, 2012

Nine McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2011 Texas Super Lawyers list  
October 3, 2011

Eleven McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2010 Texas Super Lawyers List  
September 20, 2010

Thirteen McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2009 Texas Super Lawyers List  
September 18, 2009

Twelve McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2008 Texas Super Lawyers list  
September 9, 2008

Fifteen McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2007 Texas Super Lawyers list  
September 17, 2007

## Honors & Recognition

- Chambers & Partners USA, Texas: Austin & Surrounds Litigation: General Commercial, Band 1 (2020-2021)
- Texas Super Lawyers list, a Thomson Reuters service, Business Litigation (2005-2015)

## Community & Professional

- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Bar Foundation
- Austin Bar Association
- Greater Austin Crime Commission (Board of Directors)
- Headliners Club (Board of Trustees)

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- Helping Hand Home for Children (Community Advisory Board, 2011-15)
- Make a Wish of South Central and South Texas (Governing Board of Directors)

