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Areas of Expertise

- Administrative law
- Appellate Advocacy
- Arbitration and mediation
- Civil and commercial litigation
- Class actions
- Constitutional law
- Employment law
- Securities and banking litigation
- Shareholder disputes

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.

Industry Recognition

2025 Best Lawyers in Canada: Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Class Action Litigation and Corporate and Commercial Litigation

2022-2024 Best Lawyers in Canada: Bet-the-Company Litigation, Class Action Litigation and Corporate and Commercial Litigation

2023 Lexpert/American lawyer guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada

2021-2023 Benchmark Litigation: Quebec Litigator of the Year and Litigation Star

2021, 2024 Best Lawyers in Canada: Bet the Company Lawyer of the Year

2019-2023 LEXPERT: Most Frequently Recommended: Litigation – Corporate Commercial and Repeatedly Recommended: Litigation – Directors’ & Officers’ Liability and Class Actions

2018-2024 Chambers and Partners: Litigation – Administrative & Public Law, Band 2 General Commercial Litigation in Quebec

2018-2021 Best Lawyers in Canada: Bet-the-Company Litigation, Class Action Litigation and Corporate and Commercial Litigation

2017-2021 Benchmark Litigation: Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada and Litigation Star: arbitration, class actions, commercial litigation, product liability and securities

2013 Lexpert®/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada in Corporate Commercial Litigation

2010 Best Lawyers in Canada: Quebec’s Corporate and Commercial Litigator of the Year

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Education and Associations

- Quebec Bar – 1989
- B.C.L., LL.B., McGill University, 1988
- B.A. (Honours), Queen's University, 1984

- American College of Trial Lawyers
- Canadian Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Canadian Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

Professional Activities

Treasurer of the Montreal Bar Association for the year 2003-2004

Teaching

Sessional Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of McGill University: "Evidence: Civil Matters", 2010-2016

Languages

- English
- French

Recent Publications

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 Séniors", 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 Me 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