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Overview

Doug Hall has been a business and land use litigator with the firm for over 30 years. He handles a diverse range of complex commercial and land use disputes in state and federal courts and administrative and local government forums.

Doug regularly represents developers and property owners in trial and appellate proceedings involving development order challenges, comprehensive plan consistency disputes, Bert Harris claims, and other land use matters. He has substantial DRI experience and has handled a number of cases involving DRI vesting, compliance, and development rights.

Doug's business practice includes a wide range of complex commercial litigation. He represents clients in contract disputes, actions involving commercial lease and mortgage agreements, insurance coverage disputes, business tort claims, and other commercial matters. He also regularly represents and advises employers in litigation involving discrimination, retaliation, whistleblower, and other employment-related claims.

Doug is AV rated by Martindale-Hubble and listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2006–2020 editions in Commercial Litigation, Environmental Law, and Land Use and Zoning Law. He was named *Best Lawyers'* 2014–2015 and 2016–2017 Tallahassee Litigation-Land Use and Zoning “Lawyer of the Year.”

Experience

- *Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS, Inc. v. Fla. Dep't of Transp.*, 249 So. 3d 693(Fla. 1st DCA 2018) (government procurement dispute over multimillion-dollar patent license).
- *Evergreen Cmtys, Inc. v. Palafox Preserve Homeowners' Ass'n, Inc.*, 213 So. 3d 1127 (Fla. 1st DCA 2017) (land use dispute over application of restrictive covenants to proposed development plan).
- *Hilton v. Pearson*, 208 So. 3d 108 (Fla. 1st DCA 2016) (challenge to validity of restrictive covenants).
- *Glen Abbey Club Homeowners Ass'n v. City of DeBary* (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2015) (certiorari action challenging PUD approval).
- *O'Neil v. Walton Cty.*, 149 So. 3d 699 (Fla. 1st DCA 2014) (challenge to PUD development rights).

- *SE Prop. Holdings, Inc. v. 213B Dev. Co.* (Cir. Ct. Fla. 2014) (multimillion-dollar loan dispute).
- *Bobb-itt v. Mgmt. & Training Co.*, No. 4:13-cv-00090 (N.D. Fla. 2013) (defamation action arising from termination of employment).
- *Phillips Capital, Inc. v. Crestview, LLC*, 492 F. App'x 948 (11th Cir. 2012) (contract dispute arising from complex settlement and voting trust agreements).
- *Faile v. Estee Lauder Travel Retail Servs.*, 480 F. App'x 951 (11th Cir. 2012) (negligence action arising from product use).
- *Dakota Grp., LLC v. Waffle House, Inc.*, No. 3:11-cv-00586, 2012 WL 2952380 (N.D. Fla. July 19, 2012) (contract dispute involving right of first refusal).
- *Arbor Prop., Inc. v. Lake Jackson Prot. All., Inc.*, 51 So. 3d 502 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010) (challenge to PUD development rights).
- *President's Council of SD, Inc. v. Walton Cty.*, 36 So. 3d 764 (Fla. 1st DCA 2010) (challenge to hotel DRI development rights).
- *NENR Invs., LLC v. Starbucks Corp.*, No. 1:08-cv-00047, 2009 WL 1404732 (W.D. Va. May 18, 2009) (contract dispute arising from lease termination).
- *In re Fla. Power & Light Co. Bobwhite-Manatee 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project* (Fla. Div. of Adm. Hrgs. 2007) (challenge to transmission line siting).
- *Fla. Power Corp. v. Gadsden Cty.* (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2005) (challenge to state transmission line siting authority).
- *Eyer v. Walton Cty.*, 896 So. 2d 749 (Fla. 1st DCA 2005) (challenge to development rights for mixed-use hotel project).
- *Edgewater Beach Owners Assn. v. Walton Cty.*, 833 So. 2d 215 (Fla. 1st DCA 2002) (challenge to DRI development rights for high-rise condominiums).
- *Friendship Motor Car Co. v. Chrysler Corp.* (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2000) (contract dispute involving motor vehicle dealership and floor plan financing).
- *Phillips & Jordan, Inc. v. Watts*, 13 F. Supp. 2d 1308 (N.D. Fla. 1998) (constitutional challenge to state affirmative action program for road contractors).
- *Killearn Props., Inc. v. Dep't of Cmty. Affairs*, 623 So. 2d 771 (Fla. 1st DCA 1993) (enforcement action by state land planning agency seeking termination of DRI development rights).

All News

08.15.2017 78 Carlton Fields Attorneys Named "Best Lawyers in America"

Recognition

- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, Environmental Law, Land Use and Zoning Litigation (2006–2021)
- Tallahassee Litigation-Land Use and Zoning "Lawyer of the Year," *The Best Lawyers in America* (2014–2015, 2016–2017)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association (1983–present)
- The Florida Bar (1982–present)
- Tallahassee Bar Association (1982–present)
 - President (1998–1999)
 - Director (1995–1998)
- American Inns of Court
 - Alumni, Tallahassee Chapter
- Legal Aid Foundation
 - Board of Directors (1988–1989)
- Second Judicial Circuit Committee on Professionalism (1999–2001)

Pro Bono

- Doug regularly provides pro bono services through the Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Florida State University College of Law (J.D., high honors, 1982)
- University of Florida (B.S., 1978)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- Florida State Courts

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Administrative Litigation and Appeals
- Development
- Eminent Domain
- Energy and Utilities
- Environmental, Land Use & Development Approvals and Litigation
- Environmental Regulation & Litigation
- Government Affairs and Lobbying

INDUSTRIES

- Banking, Commercial, and Consumer Finance
- Real Estate

- Government Law & Consulting
- Litigation and Trials