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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.

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

Industry Recognition

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

2021 Benchmark Litigation: Quebec Litigator of the Year

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

2019, 2020 LEXPERT: Most Frequently Recommended: Litigation – Corporate Commercial and Repeatedly Recommended: Litigation – Directors’ & Officers’ Liability and Class Actions

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Chambers and Partners: Litigation – Administrative & Public Law, Band 2 General Commercial Litigation in Quebec

2019, 2020, 2021 Best Lawyers in Canada: Bet-the-Company Litigation, Class Action Litigation and Corporate and Commercial Litigation

2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 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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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

Languages

- English
- French

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

Speaking Engagements

Trial Practice Do's & Don'ts: Hot Tips from the Experts – 7th edition, Bar of Montreal, November 5, 2015

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

New Code of Civil Procedure Courses
Bar of Montreal, October 20, 2015

Pour ou contre les admissions,
Bar of Montreal, May 1, 2014

The New Code of Civil Procedure: Will this fix all our problems?, Lord Reading Society, March 12, 2014

Une pensée d'avance – Think Ahead,
Barreau du Québec, October 2013