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Doug's practice involves construction litigation, particularly the defense of New York Labor Law claims and property damage claims, as well as litigation arising from construction contract disputes. He represents general contractors, construction managers, and developers in complex construction litigation. He has extensive experience with the defense of complex personal injury claims, including defending "grave injury" claims against employers as well as property damage claims. Additionally, he is well versed in risk transfer strategies and has extensive experience in navigating litigation within wrap-up policies, including identifying and pursuing targets for shifting the risk off of the wrap policy.

Beyond his construction practice, Doug also represents clients in commercial, employment, and insurance coverage litigation. He has

PRACTICE AREAS

Construction
Employment
Insurance Services

ACCOLADES

New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Star,
Construction Litigation, 2020-2024

COURT ADMISSIONS

New York
USDC: Eastern District of New York
USDC: Southern District of New York

EDUCATION

JD, St. John's University School of Law, 2013
BA, Tufts University, 2003

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, New York State Bar Association

prosecuted and defended breach of contract claims, defended employment and disability discrimination claims, and litigated insurance coverage disputes.

Prior to entering private practice, Doug worked for a cosmetics manufacturer, where he managed the company's intellectual property program and coordinated its regulatory compliance programs. Doug graduated law school *magna cum laude* and served as a senior articles editor on the *St. John's Law Review*.

Representative Matters

- Won a summary judgment on behalf of a general contractor and property owner in the Bronx County Supreme Court dismissing the plaintiff's Labor Law and common law claims by establishing that the plaintiff's testimony was inconsistent with his theory of liability. The decision was affirmed by the First Department on appeal.
- Successfully defended three individual respondents in a \$3 million arbitration proceeding related to a purported Ponzi scheme perpetuated by the clients' employers. The claimants sought the return of their investments, unpaid wages, and punitive damages. An arbitration award plus punitive damages had to be paid by co-respondents not represented by Ropers.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for the defendants in a Labor Law § 240(1) case in which the plaintiff alleged he fell from a defective ladder. Ropers moved for summary judgment, arguing portions of the plaintiff's pre-accident Chapter 13 bankruptcy barred the claim, though the plaintiff maintained that the bankruptcy had resolved prior to his accident, leading to a favorable settlement for our clients.
- Successfully defended an equipment lessee against a contractual indemnification claim from the lessor where the underlying plaintiff alleged catastrophic personal injuries arising from a defect in the leased equipment. The court denied the lessor's summary judgment motion after we argued that numerous portions of the contract were ambiguous or not written in favor of the named lessor, thereby rendering the claim for indemnification suspect.

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October 24, 2024

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GlobeNewswire

February 21, 2024

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September 22, 2023

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September 29, 2022

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September 30, 2021

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April 13, 2021

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October 28, 2020

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