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Services and Industries

- Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions
- Labor and Employment
- Trusts and Estates

Education

Duquesne University School of Law, J.D.

Duquesne University, M.B.A.

University of Pittsburgh, B.A.

Admissions

Pennsylvania

West Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

Douglas Hart is a shareholder in the Saxton & Stump [Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions](#), [Labor and Employment](#), and [Trusts and Estates](#) groups. A certified public accountant and trial attorney with deep roots in the Pittsburgh-area business community, Doug focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and related disputes, representing clients across industries such as healthcare, employment, construction, and real estate. He has successfully prosecuted and defended claims in both federal and state courts, guiding clients through high-stakes matters with a practical, business-oriented approach. His CPA background allows him to analyze financial records, assess damages, and work effectively with financial experts, giving clients an advantage in disputes involving complex economic issues.

Doug maintains an active Trusts and Estates practice, advising individuals and families on estate planning strategies designed to protect assets and provide long-term certainty. He also advises fiduciaries on the efficient and compliant administration of estates, with a focus on clarity, efficiency, and risk mitigation.

Doug's extensive background as a certified public accountant, combined with over a decade of experience in finance and accounting in the healthcare industry, enables him to bridge legal strategy with financial analysis. He earned his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law and received his MBA from Duquesne University, where he served as an adjunct accounting professor for eight years. This combination of legal, financial, and academic experience allows him to deliver counsel that is both analytically rigorous and aligned with business objectives.

In his community, Doug is the treasurer of the board of directors for Providence Connections, a nonprofit family support center on Pittsburgh's North Side. A board member since 2004, he supports the organization's mission to deliver early childhood education, family support services, and community-based programming.

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America®, Employment Law – Management, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2027)
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers “Rising Stars” (2008-2013)

Publications

- “Managing Risk in Construction Contracts and Subcontracts,” co-author, *Breaking Ground Magazine* (March 2019)
- “Medical Marijuana in the Workplace: Weeding Through the Legal Implications,” *Counterpoint Newsletter*, Pennsylvania Defense Institute (January 2019)

Speaking Engagements

- “Workplace Behavioral Issues: Appropriately Handling Thorny Situations,” National Business Institute (August 2020)
- “The Employment Relationship: Employment At-Will and Exceptions,” National Business Institute (December 2019)
- “State and Local Employment Law Update,” National Business Institute (November 2019)
- “Successful Hiring and Recruiting Steps: Getting it Right from the Start,” National Business Institute (February 2019)

- “Discipline and Discharge – Necessary Documentation,” National Business Institute (February 2019)
- Retaliation Claim Legal Strategies: Defense, Counter Suits and More,” National Business Institute (December 2018)
- “Internal Investigations and Attorney-Client Privilege: How it is Preserved or Refuted,” National Business Institute (December 2018)
- “Workplace Challenges of Privacy, Social Media and Technology Issues,” National Business Institute (February 2016)

Community Involvement

- Providence Connections Inc., treasurer, board of directors

Professional Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Pittsburgh Human Resources Association
- Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Defense Research Institute