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## Douglass Maynard

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### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters, New York Police Department (2013 – 2014)

Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, SDNY (1990 – 1996)

### EDUCATION

NYU Law School (J.D. 1986)

Yale University (B.A. 1982)

• *cum laude*

### ADMISSIONS

New York

U.S. District Court, SDNY

U.S. District Court, EDNY

Doug has decades of experience working with clients to resolve some of their most difficult problems and disputes. He represents organizations and individuals in civil litigation, internal investigations, and white collar and regulatory. Ranked in *Chambers USA*, Doug is a seasoned advisor and problem solver, having been the general counsel of a large international telecommunications company, as well as the general counsel for a major international law firm and the Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters at the NYPD. Doug is known for his calm, practical and effective approach to the most difficult problems.

Doug has represented companies, investment funds and individuals in commercial disputes, securities, accounting, FCPA, environmental, bribery and other matters. He has conducted dozens of internal investigations, including many cross-border matters, involving allegations of accounting and securities fraud, FCPA violations, Title IX claims and broader harassment and workplace environment issues.

Doug has extensive experience in representing law firms and lawyers in various legal and ethical matters. As a partner and General Counsel at Akin, he was responsible for managing legal, regulatory and other areas of risk, including information governance and cybersecurity, global regulatory compliance, business and ethical conflicts, claims and potential claims. He is on the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee for the First Judicial Department, as well as the Professional Responsibility Committee of the New York City Bar Association. He previously served two terms on the Disciplinary Committee for the First Department in New York, where he reviewed for the Appellate Division proposed findings of facts and sanctions in disciplinary cases brought against lawyers.

Doug also has extensive experience defending clients in defamation matters. He has tried libel cases for *Time* magazine and *Sports Illustrated* magazine. He has obtained summary judgment and otherwise successfully represented book and magazine publishers, television and other media outlets in a variety of defamation and related actions and claims.

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Earlier in his career, Doug was a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York, where he investigated, tried and handled the appeals of a broad range of criminal cases, including RICO violations, bank fraud, money laundering and drug trafficking. He led a group of federal and state law enforcement agents in a series of prosecutions of major Russian Organized Crime figures involved in murder, extortion, drug trafficking and other crimes in the United States, Europe and Asia, which required coordination with various overseas law enforcement agencies.

At the NYPD, Doug managed a command of 250 uniform and civilian lawyers and staff. He provided legal guidance to Police Commissioners Ray Kelly and Bill Bratton and members of the executive staff on all matters affecting the NYPD, including criminal investigations and policy, intelligence and terrorist investigations, civil litigation, legislative affairs and press relations. He was responsible for close coordination on significant matters with the Mayor's Office, federal and state prosecutors, the NYC Law Department and other agencies.

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### Representative Matters

- Defended a public campaign finance board in litigation challenging the denial of matching funds to a candidate for public office.
- Conducted an investigation for the Board of Directors of a large not-for-profit corporation into conflicts of interest issues.
- Represented a General Counsel under investigation for misconduct.
- Represented former CEO and Director in “shadow trading” investigation.
- Represented an investment advisor in an insider trading investigation.
- Represented a state agency in connection with a series of public corruption investigations and prosecutions.
- Conducted a series of investigations for the audit committee of a multinational public company based in Europe into allegations of insider trading, accounting fraud, whistleblower retaliation and other misconduct.
- Represented a company in connection with multiple labor racketeering and regulatory investigations.
- Conducted an internal investigation for a public company into alleged FCPA violations.
- Represented an educational institution in connection with a number of Title IX and related matters.
- Represented a special committee of a public company in connection with an internal investigation of alleged misconduct by the founder as well as other corporate culture issues.
- Advised a university board of trustees in connection with high profile public accusations of serious misconduct by employees.
- Conducted an internal investigation of misconduct by lawyers at a major law firm.
- Obtained summary judgment for a book publisher in a libel action based on a book about a celebrity.
- Obtained summary judgment for an investment fund that published negative reports about a public company

### Recognition

#### [Chambers USA](#)

- Litigation: White Collar Crime and Government Investigations

#### [Legal 500 USA](#)

- Corporate Investigations and White-collar Criminal Defense: Advice to Individuals

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Thurgood Marshall Award

- New York City Bar Association

### Activities

Attorney Grievance Committee, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department (2025 – present)

- Member of the committee that reviews proposed disciplinary proceedings for lawyers accused of misconduct.

Professional Responsibility Committee, New York City Bar Association (2024 – present)

- Member of the committee that examines legal ethics issues facing New York City practitioners and makes recommendations as to potential changes in the standards that govern the conduct of lawyers.

Departmental Disciplinary Committee of the Appellate Division, First Department, New York State Supreme Court (2004 – 2012)

- Served two three-year terms as a member of the committee that reviewed proposed findings of fact and sanctions in ethical cases brought against lawyers.

Judiciary Committee, New York City Bar Association (2018 – 2021)

- Member of the committee that evaluates candidates for state and federal judicial office and other offices connected with the administration of justice in state and federal courts in New York City.

New York State Justice Task Force (2013 – 2014)

- NYPD representative on state-wide committee created to address causes of wrongful convictions.

Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley (2018 – 2021)

- Member of Board of Directors