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PRACTICES

Admiralty & Maritime · Aviation & Transportation · Aviation Litigation
Commercial Transportation · Coverage and Casualty Litigation · Insurance · Manufacturing

Douglas Winegardner brings in-depth knowledge and integrity when serving clients in aviation litigation, admiralty and maritime law, and insurance coverage and insurance litigation.

A former U.S. Navy JAG Corps Officer and Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Doug has experience litigating complex cases in courts throughout the country. Whether you're in the aviation or maritime industries or in a general liability insurance industry, Doug is ready to support your success at every step.

Doug brings leadership to our Sands Anderson team, serving as chair of the Aviation and Admiralty team, as well as a member of our Litigation Group. His drive and genuine interest in his field help support his client's unique legal needs. Doug's individual strengths and our collaborative community foster his ability to design creative solutions to support each client's goals and success. He brings professional and honest guidance for clients through one-on-one consultations built on trust and understanding.

Prior to joining our firm in 2001, Doug served in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. He was assigned first as a defense attorney and later served as prosecutor in Central- and Southern Florida. He also worked at JAG's headquarters in Washington, D.C. concentrating on Admiralty and Maritime law. Doug also served in the Navy Reserve from 2001 to 2004, handling general litigation for the Navy Department. Additionally, Doug worked for two years as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Aviation and Admiralty Litigation Section in Washington, D.C.

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EDUCATION

Capital University
Law School, J.D.,
Order of the Curia, 1994

Ohio University, B.S.J., E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, 1990

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Services

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Ohio (inactive)

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While there, he represented various agencies in aviation and maritime lawsuits including:

- Department of Transportation
- Federal Aviation Administration
- National Weather Service
- Military Departments

These experiences have provided him with the thorough legal support and in-depth perspectives to help each client come out ahead.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Defended accidental bombing litigation in Vieques, Puerto Rico.
- Defended the United States in the civil litigation stemming from the Marine Corps jet's collision with a ski gondola in Cavalese, Italy.
- Represented airlines and ground support companies in airport accidents.
- Represented airports in ground collision of airliner with truck.
- Represented insurance companies in coverage opinions and insurance policy litigation.
- Represented utility company in 5 -fatal helicopter crash.
- Represented utility company and insurer in 3-fatal hot air balloon crash.
- Tried or otherwise handled in a wide variety of other cases including major aviation disasters, major ship collisions and shipboard accidents, and a variety of aviation and maritime accident suits.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Aviation Insurance Association, Inducted into Eagle Society in 2014

DRI Aviation Committee, Former Membership Chairman

Federal Bar Association

International Aviation and Transportation Safety Bar Association (Formerly: National Transportation Safety Board Bar Association)

Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association

Maritime Law Association

Organization of Flying Adjusters

Southeast Admiralty Law Institute

U.S. Navy JAG Corps, 1994-2000

U.S. Navy Reserve, Lieutenant Commander, 2001-2004

Virginia Association of Defense Lawyers

RECOGNITION

Aviation Insurance Association Eagle Society

Legal Elite, *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2011- Present

Best Lawyers in America®, 2016 - 2020

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ashland Little League Baseball Coach/Manager, 2004 - Present

Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society, Virginia Aviation Museum, Board of Directors 2014-2016, President 201 –2017