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PRACTICE AREAS

Tax • Corporate & Commercial • Corporate Services • Securities & Corporate Finance
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BIOGRAPHY

Douglas is a highly regarded corporate lawyer who is continuously sought out by clients and colleagues for his extensive knowledge and experience in tax law and tax litigation. He is also a trusted advisor in areas of commercial transactions, securities and corporate finance and estates and trusts.

In his tax practice, Douglas advises businesses, individuals, estate representatives, non-profit organizations and registered charities on matters of federal, provincial and municipal taxation including taxpayer objections and appeals.

Douglas is an elected Bencher of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador and has been an instructor in the Bar Admission Course of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador for more than 10 years. He is a frequent presenter to industry and professional groups on topics of taxation and business law. He is an active member of the Canadian Tax Foundation and has done presentations at the Foundation's Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference as well as the National Conference. Douglas has also been on the organizing committee for the Foundation's biennial St. John's Tax Seminar since its inception in 2014.

Community volunteer work is a big part of Douglas' life. He was a director with the St. John's Minor Hockey Association for seven years and managed many of the Association's youth hockey programs during that time. He has just completed seven years as a public representative of the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Health Professionals, a statutory body that oversees the regulation of six different professional Colleges in the health care sector. Douglas is also currently an elected director of the St. John's Board of Trade and a director and member of the executive of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Consistently recognized by the *Canadian Legal Expert Directory* as a leading practitioner in Estates & Personal Tax (Estate & Tax Planning).

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador

BAR ADMISSION

- Newfoundland and Labrador (2003)

LAW SCHOOL

- University of Ottawa

EDUCATION

- Carleton University (B. Journ. 1986)
- Carleton University (B.A. Hons. 1988)
- Queen's University (LL.B. 1998)
- University of Ottawa (LL.M. 2001)

PUBLICATIONS

- Witnessing Wills in Newfoundland and Labrador: What does "in the presence of" actually mean?
- Significant Development in the Law of Guardianship in Newfoundland and Labrador
- Update: The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador Clarifies Probate Fees Payable for Pre-June 2015 Estates
- The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador to clarify probate fees payable pursuant to the Services Charges Act
- CRA Decision Successfully Challenged in Pomeroy's Masonry Limited v. A.G. Canada

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Elected Bencher, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Member – Business Practice Group
- Member – Taxation Practice Group