

ArentFox Schiff LLP Attorneys

# Douglas E. Hewlett, Jr.

COUNSEL

Doug represents clients in a wide variety of commercial and class action litigation matters, as well as white collar criminal investigations and matters.



#### Industries

Public Finance Health Care

#### Practices

Complex Litigation Government Enforcement & White Collar The Center for Racial Equity

#### Education

University of Southern California Gould School of Law, JD, 2013 Harvard University, BA, 2008

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Doug has wide-ranging commercial, class action, and white collar defense litigation experience. His practice includes representing clients in complex commercial disputes, consumer protection matters, contract, and fiduciary duty claims, and all phases of pre-trial, trial, post-trial, and appellate litigation. His white collar practice includes representing both individual and corporate clients under investigation by state and federal law enforcement agencies, managing formal responses to government inquiries, negotiations with the government, ongoing advice, and litigation where appropriate. Doug routinely appears in both federal and state trial and appellate courts.

Doug's practice spans a wide variety of industries and practice areas, including automotive, medical, consumer products, constitutional law, labor and employment, regulatory enforcement advice and defense, and advertising and representation issues. He has particular experience in consumer protection and class action law, including the FDCPA (Fair Debt Collection Practices Act); TCPA (Telephone Consumer Protection Act); RICO defense (Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act); and California Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, regarding business practices in California.

Doug is also a trusted litigator with specialized, repeatedly successful experience handling bankruptcy adversary proceedings; high-value motions for attorneys' fees; state, federal, and foreign civil procedure; and enforcing judgments in California for out-of-state and international clients.

## **Firm Citizenship**

Doug is the Chair of the firm's nationwide Associates' Committee, the Co-Chair of the Associates' Diversity Subcommittee, and the only associate Board Member of the ArentFox Schiff Center for Racial Equity. He is also a member of the Los Angeles office's summer associate Hiring Committee, where he is active in the firm's hiring and diversity efforts. Doug takes the firm's diversity and inclusion initiatives to heart and has been critical in the firm's efforts to drive progress both inside and outside of the firm.

### Recognitions

Doug has been recognized by *Daily Journal* as a "Top 40 Under 40" California attorneys for 2024. He has also been named "Top 40 Under 40 Members in California" by The National Black Lawyers - Top 40 Under 40. This is an honor given to only a select group of lawyers for their superior skills and qualifications in the field.

## **Clerkship & Externships**

Before joining ArentFox Schiff, Doug served as a law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge K. Michael Moore of the US District Court, Southern District of Florida. Doug also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall of the US District Court, Central District of California, and as a certified extern in the US Attorney's Office Criminal Division, Central District of California, where he first-chaired and won his first trial.

# Pro Bono Work

Doug is also very active in the firm's pro bono efforts. Most recently, he has represented minors seeking asylum at the US border by successfully litigating habeas corpus petitions on their behalf and enforcing their rights under the Flores Settlement Agreement. He also has experience litigating and otherwise filing amicus curiae briefs embracing various constitutional law issues on behalf of the firm's pro bono clients. Doug also has experience drafting proposed state and local legislation .

## **Previous Work**

Doug previously worked as an associate in an international law firm's Los Angeles office.

## Life Beyond the Law

In his free time, Doug enjoys playing flag football, is a captain of the firm's Los Angeles softball team, and roots for his beloved Harvard Crimson football team as an alum.

#### **Bar Admissions**

California

#### **Court Admissions**

US District Court, Central District of California US District Court, Southern District of California US District Court, Northern District of California