

Joel Douglas
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During his vast experience in health care litigation trial work, Joel Douglas has achieved favorable outcomes for clients facing accusations involving medical malpractice, disciplinary proceedings, insurance fraud, legal malpractice, toxic torts, and product liability.

Focus Areas

Joel has built a special reputation for his distinctive and decisive defense of contentious he-said, she-said claims, charges of sexual misconduct, and the defense of psychiatrists and other mental health specialists. In addition to civil litigation, his expertise is also recognized in administrative law, where he regularly defends physicians and health care providers before licensing agencies, hospital boards, and peer review organizations. He also has expertise in health care fraud, as well as asbestos, toxic tort and product liability litigation.

Joel's comprehensive and consummate skills encompass the entire litigation cycle, from investigation and discovery to trial and appeal. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the President of the California Academy of Attorneys for Health Care Professionals. He has served as an adjunct professor of law at Pepperdine University Law School and lectured at Loyola University School of Law and for numerous organizations. As part of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Council of Delegates, Mr. Douglas has written, sponsored and debated legislative resolutions before the Conference of Delegates of the California Bar Association.

Education

- Loyola Law School Los Angeles, J.D., 1973
 - *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* - Associate Editor
 - St. Thomas More Law Honor Society
- California State University, Northridge, *magna cum laude*, B.A., 1970
 - Chief Justice, Associated Students Constitutional Court
- *Honorary Life Membership*, Associated Students, California State University, Northridge

Courts Admitted

- United States District Court, Central District of California
- All California State Courts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Administrative
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability

Associations

- California Academy of Attorneys for Health Care Professionals, President since 2012, member since 2000
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Associate, 1994 to present
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Council of Delegates, Conference of California Bar Association, 2009 to present
- Resolutions Committee, Conference of California Bar Associations
- American Bar Association
- Boy Scouts of America, 1990 to present
- American Red Cross, Disaster Services Human Resources
- Community Emergency Response Team, call-out team, Los Angeles Fire Department

Recognition

- *Law & Politics* – Southern California Super Lawyer 2004-2013
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV rating, 1977 - present
- Silver Dolphin District Award of Merit, Boy Scouts of America
- Awarded the Silver Beaver Award by Boy Scouts of America, Western Los Angeles County Council
- Honorary Life Membership, Associated Students/William R. Foster Honorary Life Membership; and Alumni Association Lifetime Membership, California State University, Northridge (1970)
- Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (1970)
- St. Thomas Moore Law Honor Society (1972-1973)
- Cub Scouter Award, Boy Scouts of America (1992)
- Cubmaster Award, Boy Scouts of America (1993)
- Scouter's Training Award, Boy Scouts of America (1995)
- Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America (Brotherhood), 1995 to present
- Shofar Award, Western Los Angeles County Council, Jewish Committee on Scouting (1996)
- Wood Badge (beaded), Boy Scouts of America (1996)
- James E. West Award, Boy Scouts of America (1999)
- Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Boy Scouts of America (2000)
- District Award of Merit (Silver Dolphin Award), Crescent Bay District, Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America (2001)
- Outstanding Scout Leader, Crescent Bay District, Western Los Angeles County Council (2003)
- Extra-Miler Award, Crescent Bay District, Western Los Angeles County Council (2011)
- Super Lawyer recognition, Southern California Super Lawyers, 2004-2014
- Super Lawyer recognition, Corporate Counsel Edition (nationwide listing), 2008-2012
- AV Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell, 1979-present

Presentations & Publications

- Multiple seminars, lectures and panel presentations on medical malpractice, negligence and professional license discipline issues.
- Law and Politics Media, Inc. and Los Angeles Magazine (Feb. 2004, Feb. 2005, Feb. 2006, Feb. 2007, Feb. 2008, Feb. 2009, Feb. 2010, Feb. 2011, Feb. 2012, Feb. 2013)
- Law and Politics Media, Inc. (Aug. 2008, Sept.-Oct. 2009, Sept. 2010, Sept. 2011, Sept. 2012)

Published Decisions

- Author of *Senate Bill 669*, enacted in 2013, providing for training, equipping and Good Samaritan immunity for first responders, lay or professional, who administer emergency epinephrine to treat anaphylactic shock. Bus. & Prof Code sec. 1714.28; Civ Code sec. 1714.28; Health & Safety Code sec. 1797.197a.
- *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama v. Unity Outpatient Surgery Center*, 490 F.3d 718 (9th Cir. 2007)
- *Feingersh v. Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California*, 66 Cal. App. 3d 406, 136 Cal. Rptr. 155 (1977)
- *Greenberg v. Superior Court (Smith)*, 172 Cal. App. 4th 1339 (2009)
- *Harris v. Superior Court*, 188 Cal. App. 3d 475, 233 Cal. Rptr. 186 (1986)
- *People v. Douglas*, 31 Cal. App. 3d Supp. 26, 106 Cal. Rptr. 611 (1973)
- *People ex rel. Allstate Insurance Company v. Weitzman*, 107 Cal. App. 4th 534, 132 Cal. Rptr. 2d 165 (2003)
- *Tresemmer v. Barke*, 86 Cal. App. 3d 656, 150 Cal. Rptr. 384, 12 A.L.R. 4th 27 (1978)
- *Washington v. Nelson*, 100 Cal. App. 3d 47, 160 Cal. Rptr. 644 (1979)