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Doug Noah is managing partner of Wilson Elser, a founding partner of the firm's Dallas office and a member of the Chair's Office and the firm's Executive Committee. Doug has handled litigation and insurance matters for nearly three decades and is a founder of the firm's Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage practice.

Doug frequently represents insurance companies, both as counsel of record in coverage and bad faith litigation and as coverage/monitoring counsel. His insurance experience has focused on third-party coverage, including executive protection and professional liability products such as E&O, D&O, BPL, EPL and fiduciary policies. In his role as coverage/monitoring counsel, Doug advises on policy interpretation, claims handling and resolution, case valuation and settlement, and bad faith avoidance. He also has assisted insurers in drafting policies and endorsements.

Insurers frequently call on Doug to represent them in mediating high-exposure, public company class actions and shareholder derivative cases. He enjoys a reputation for creatively overcoming settlement obstacles and obtaining successful resolution of difficult cases. He has a long and respected relationship with the mediators who specialize in these cases across the country and has handled hundreds of complex, multi-party mediations. Insurance clients value Doug's background as a trial lawyer not only for his ability to assess the strengths and weaknesses of a particular case but also for his advice on resulting exposures, value and resolution strategy.

Insurance

Doug has recently handled insurance cases arising from bank failures, insurance company failures, insurance industry contingent commissions, ERISA stock drops, class wage-and-hour violations, mortgage-backed securities issues, mergers and acquisitions and SEC/DOJ investigations. He has significant experience representing D&O insurers with respect to claims involving public company class action securities law violations,

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Directors & Officers Liability
- e-Discovery
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation

derivative claims and matters arising from bankruptcy pending in courts across the country. His insurer representation in these areas is extensive and has involved many high-profile cases. Doug also has successfully defended numerous cases involving insurance coverage, rescission and bad faith.

Commercial Litigation

Doug is experienced in traditional tort and commercial litigation, including representing directors and officers in breach of fiduciary duty claims. He has tried to verdict numerous jury cases including commercial cases and cases in the areas of insurance bad faith, product liability, oil and gas, and personal injury.

Education

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D., 1985)
 - Journal of Air Law and Commerce, board of editors
- Texas A&M University (B.B.A., 1982)

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2024-2026

- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Representative Matters

Class Action and Creditor Litigation

In re Enron Securities Litigation

In re AOL Time-Warner Securities Litigation

In re Royal Ahold N.V. Securities and ERISA Litigation

In re PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. Securities Litigation

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, et al. v. Freddie Mac, et al.

In re Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation (also counsel of record in related bad faith and rescission litigation)

In re HealthSouth Insurance Coverage Litigation (also counsel of record in related bad faith and rescission litigation)

In re State Street Bank & Trust Company ERISA Litigation

In re Kinder Morgan, Inc. Shareholders Litigation

In re MBIA Inc. Securities Litigation

Silverman v. Motorola, Inc.

Exxon Mobil/XTO Acquisition Litigation

Stratton v. XTO Energy, Inc.

Numerous failed bank and financial institution cases

Insurance Coverage, Rescission and Bad Faith

Precis, Inc. v. Federal Insurance Company, 184 Fed. Appx. 439 (5th Cir. Jun. 12, 2006)
(Late Notice)

Powersports, Inc. v. Royal Sunalliance Insurance Company, 128 Fed. Appx. 95 (11th Cir. Apr. 29, 2005) (Insured vs. Insured Exclusion)

Mary Kay Holding Corp; Mary Kay Inc.; New Arrow Corp. v. Federal Insurance

Company, 309 Fed. Appx. 843 (5th Cir. Feb 6, 2009) (Fiduciary coverage for alleged ERISA and COBRA violations, bad faith)

Darwin Select Insurance. Company. v. Laminack, Pirtle & Martines, L.L.P., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15712 (S.D. Tex. Feb. 8, 2012) (Application of Prior Knowledge Exclusion)