

## DOUGLAS D. SUPLEE

SHAREHOLDER



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Automobile Liability  
Product Liability  
General Liability  
Consumer Financial Services Litigation & Compliance  
Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability  
Personal Injury Protection (PIP) Litigation  
Fraud/Special Investigation

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### ADMISSIONS

New Jersey  
1999

U.S. District Court District of New Jersey  
1999

### EDUCATION

Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1999)

Pennsylvania State University (B.A., 1991)

### ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

American Inn of Court, Burlington and Camden Counties

Camden County Bar Association

### YEAR JOINED

1999

### OVERVIEW

Doug is a shareholder in the Casualty Department and a member of the firm's Fraud and Special Investigation Unit (SIU) group where he focuses primarily on large loss and medical provider fraud. His practice in the area of fraud investigation consists of assessing and analyzing fraud by both medical providers and falsified claims brought by his client's insureds.

He has practiced extensively in a wide range of litigation, with an emphasis in the areas of New Jersey Personal Injury Protection (PIP) litigation, premises liability, product liability, liquor liability, amusement, sports & entertainment liability, consumer fraud and product warranty litigation involving motor vehicles, boats, homes and consumer products.

During his legal career, Doug has handled hundreds of warranty litigation matters representing automotive dealerships and some of the nation's largest auto manufacturers. He has successfully tried several cases to jury verdict throughout the state of New Jersey, has had multiple bench trials, and has argued before appellate courts numerous times involving Federal and State product warranty issues. He also has significant experience successfully defending cases on behalf of commercial businesses, townships, theme parks, water parks, roller skating rinks, bowling centers, concert venues, sports stadiums and arenas.

Doug is a 1991 graduate of Penn State University and received his *juris doctor* from Michigan State University College of Law in 1999, graduating with honors. He was a member of the MSU College of Law Moot Court Board and served as Director of Oral Advocacy.

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

#### **Business Owners Beware: Clear and Unambiguous Language in Arbitration Agreements Is Not Enough to Make Them Enforceable in New Jersey**

**Mount Laurel**  
**Amusements, Sports & Recreation Liability**  
**December 1, 2016**

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## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Business Owners Beware: Clear and Unambiguous Language in Arbitration Agreements Is Not Enough to Make Them Enforceable in New Jersey," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 22, No. 4, December 2016

## **RESULTS**

### **Defense verdict in a two-week jury trial for a tavern in a Dram Shop Act case.**

#### **Hospitality & Liquor Liability**

**September 29, 2022**

We obtained a defense verdict in a two-week jury trial in Middlesex County, New Jersey, in a case against a tavern alleged to have violated the New Jersey Licensed Alcoholic Beverage Server Fair Liability Act (aka The Dram Shop Act).

### **Defense Makes Lemonade Out of Plaintiff's Lemon Law Claims**

**August 25, 2016**

Marshall Dennehey attorney successfully defended an auto manufacturer after a five-day jury trial in Burlington County, New Jersey. The plaintiff alleged a violation of the New Jersey Lemon Law, as well as breach of express and implied warranties, in connection with her lease of a vehicle she claimed to be substantially unsafe as a result of erratic shifting. Two different dealers were unable to find a problem with the way the vehicle shifted gears, but each performed customary software updates to the vehicle on all but one occasion.

### **Summary Judgment for a Family-owned Funeral Home**

#### **General Liability**

**August 25, 2016**

Marshall Dennehey attorneys successfully defended a family-owned funeral home in New Jersey. The plaintiff, a 46-year-old woman whose father was tragically killed, called the funeral home per her father's express last wishes to have an open-casket funeral service there. However, the plaintiff did not have much money and asked the funeral director to contact her estranged uncle to see if he would pay for his brother's funeral.

## **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

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