

**Joel B. 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 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
- 9th Circuit Court of Appeal

**Practice Areas**

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

### **Associations**

- California Academy of Attorneys for Health Care Professionals
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Council of Delegates, Conference of Delegates of California Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Boy Scouts of America

### **Recognition**

- *Law & Politics* – Southern California Super Lawyer 2004-2010
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV rating , 1977 - present
- Silver Dolphin District Award of Merit, Boy Scouts of America

### **Presentations & Publications**

- Judicial Conference of the United States - Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure - Proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence. Served as spokesperson for the National Board of the American Board of Trial Advocates.
- Multiple seminars, lectures and panel presentations on medical malpractice, negligence and corporate liability topics.

### **Published Decisions**

- *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)