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With a deep background in the public and private sectors, Doug represents clients in a wide range of industries with issues related to public policy, administrative and regulatory law, commercial and transactional, government affairs and dispute resolution strategies. Doug has spent his entire career operating at the intersection of law, business and politics and is well known for his ability to solve complex issues with practical solutions. A Denver native, Doug most recently served as the City Attorney of Denver, Colorado under Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

During his time as Denver's city attorney, Doug managed one of the largest law firms in Colorado, with 100 attorneys and responsibility for the entire range of municipal representation. As City Attorney, Doug supported the mayor, auditor, the Clerk and Recorder, City Council and all city agencies, departments, boards and commissions from Denver International Airport to the Denver Police Department. Doug focused on representing Mayor Hancock in all matters involving the administration, as well as municipal operations, litigation, and airport legal services. Doug was active in a broad range of matters, including, collective bargaining, federal lobbying, leading negotiations involving Denver International Airport, and crafting local, state and federal marijuana laws and regulations. Doug was recognized for his work in winning a record number of cases filed against the City while simultaneously settling the least amount of cases in the Department's history.

Prior to joining the Hancock administration, Doug was a partner in an international law firm in Denver, where his practice focused on administrative and regulatory law, government relations and litigation. Serving as lead counsel in *Ritchie v. Ritter*, he represented a coalition of businesses, non-profit corporations, college, and individuals that successfully challenged the constitutionality of Amendment 54 (sole source contract prohibition). Previously, he served as lead counsel to the First Amendment Council, a coalition of Colorado-based individuals, nonprofit corporations and businesses that challenged the constitutionality of Amendment 41 in *Developmental Pathways v. Ritter*. Doug also handled campaign finance litigation successfully defending a campaign finance case filed by Clear the Bench against the Colorado Bar Association, University of Denver, and League of Women Voters. Doug successfully represented Congressman Coffman in defense of ethics charges brought by Colorado Ethics Watch. He has also represented numerous candidate, political and issue campaigns, including the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Coloradans for Responsible Reform, and Senator Mark Udall's Senate campaign.



Doug's practice also included representation of companies in complex commercial litigation. He has experience



in appellate proceedings and alternative dispute resolution forums. He also provides advice and defense in administrative and regulatory matters. His litigation experience includes representation of a national pharmaceutical benefit management company and the largest privately held jeweler in the United States in complex commercial litigation and trademark infringement issues.

Following law school, Doug worked on the Dukakis Presidential Campaign in 1987-1988 and then returned to Colorado to work in the Colorado Attorney General's Office Enforcement Section. In 1992, Doug was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives where he served two terms representing Southeast Denver.

Doug is actively involved in many political, charitable and community causes and is committed to enhancing the well-being of the Denver and surrounding communities.