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Douglas Szabo serves as Chair of the Business Litigation Department. For nearly 30 years, he has dedicated his career and practice to finding solutions for his clients in complex business cases, including corporate and partnership disputes, trade secret litigation, real estate disputes, and breach of contract lawsuits. Doug also defends media companies in First Amendment matters and has an active appellate practice.

Doug also has a substantial bankruptcy practice, representing companies, financial institutions, bankruptcy trustees and other creditors in bankruptcy court. Since 2018, Doug has been annually recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers*, and named a Top Lawyer by *Naples Illustrated* magazine for his work in Business and Commercial Litigation.

Doug has two children, Douglas (Jr.) and Christopher and is married to Leslie Nichols.

Professional And Civic Affiliations

Doug is active in the Southwest Florida community and serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Advocacy Center and the Early Learning Coalition. He is a graduate of Leadership Lee County and previously served two terms as Chairman of its Steering Committee. Over the years, Doug served three terms as president of the Lee County YMCA Board; chairman of the YMCA Youth Sustaining Funds Drive; member of the City of Palms Classic Board of Directors; co-chairman of the City of Palms Basketball Alumni Association; and president of the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium Board of Directors. He's a former little league, basketball, and soccer coach.

Doug is also active in the Florida legal community as a member of the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy

Professional Association, Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, and American Bankruptcy Institute. He is past president of the Federal Bar Association, Southwest Florida Chapter; former barrister in the Calusa Chapter of the America Inns of Court; previous member of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee; and, past president of the Southwest Florida Bankruptcy Professional Association.

Education

- Rollins College, B.S., *with high distinction*
- University of Florida, J.D., *with honors*
- Admitted to The Florida Bar

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights
- Business Litigation
- Title Insurance
- Real Estate Litigation
- General Counsel Services