

**Douglas A. Hanson****Shareholder**

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Douglas Hanson began his real estate, estate planning and general corporate practice over twenty-five years ago. Doug expanded his areas of service early in his career to meet the needs of small businesses, entrepreneurs and private individuals for general corporate representation, transactional work, estate tax planning and probate and trust administration.

Doug earned invaluable experience prior to law school as a Certified Public Accountant and as a staff auditor and tax assistant for Coopers & Lybrand, now Price Waterhouse Coopers. This background benefits him today in complex real estate matters and in estate planning and administration.

**Areas of Practice****Business Enterprise, Real Estate, Wealth Planning & Protection**

Doug provides a variety of legal services to our clients including:

- Representation for individuals and families requiring estate and tax planning or probate and trust administration
- Representation for residential housing developers and builders constructing single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums in their negotiations with home buyers
- Representation for industrial and commercial developers and builders
- Specialization in construction and condominium law
- Representation for large and small community, condominium and townhouse associations
- Management of estate and trust administration matters, from asset succession to transfer tax matters
- Development of estate plans for individuals and privately held businesses
- Representation of small business owners in all types of general corporate work
- Handling of all aspects of transactional realty work, including purchases and sales, finance transactions, leasehold transactions, ground leasehold transactions and like-kind, tax-free exchanges
- Legal counsel and real estate advice for investment purposes

**Achievements**

Academically, Doug has garnered many coveted awards and titles, including Order of the Coif, valedictorian, editor-in-chief of law review. He also earned highest honors and made the Dean's List during every eligible semester as an undergraduate accounting major.

Professionally, Doug measures his value by the many deals he has successfully negotiated, managed and closed, which include:

- Representing the owners of an office building situated on a series of long-term ground leases and sub-ground leases, which included a financing transaction along with the restructuring of the leasehold interests to become financeable at \$16 million
- Representing borrowers in financing transactions for a variety of office buildings
- Co-chairing the defense of a will contest on behalf of the executor of a \$16 million estate and managing the administration of that estate, including litigating and negotiating with individuals, various charities and the Illinois Attorney General's office
- Successfully managing the return of \$250,000 in estate assets from a family member without the need for a full citation proceeding
- Successfully litigating and settling the contested estate of a disabled person, making him the beneficiary of a \$40 million trust/annuity structured settlement
- Representing a buyer of a \$6 million shopping center in a transaction that included negotiating a defeasance arrangement with a nationally known title insurance company to allow for the purchase due to the seller's financing arrangement, which contained a prepayment preclusion
- Representing a buyer in a \$5 million shopping center purchase via a long-term ground lease
- Representing a pioneering developer in the West Loop Gate area who constructed 41 new townhomes, thus paving the way for gentrification on Chicago's Near West side
- Representing the seller of a 26-acre industrial property in Chicago's Little Village in negotiations with a developer seeking to build townhomes there to revitalize an historic neighborhood, including negotiating and overseeing multiple environmental cleanups that resulted in \$500,000 in remediation costs.

## Thought Leadership

"What Is the State of Your Real Estate Title?" (*Schuyler, Roche & Crisham Views*, Volume 1, Issue 1, Summer 2006).

Co-author, "Taxation: Substance v. Form and Other Esoterica" (63 *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 657, 1986).

## Education

J.D., Valedictorian, Order of the Coif, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, 1987.

Co-Chair, 10-Year Alumni Reunion, 1997.

Editor-in-Chief, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*, Volume 63, 1987.

Bureau of National Affairs Law Student Award, 1987.

Highest grade point average among second-year law students, 1987.

Recipient, West Publishing Hornbook Award, 1986.

Highest grade point average among first-year law students, 1986.

Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award for Civil Procedure, Corporations, Corporate Income Tax and Personal Income Tax, 1985 to 1987.

Certified Public Accountant, Illinois, 1983.

B.S., Highest Honors (Dean's List during all eligible semesters), Accountancy, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, 1983.

Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting Fraternity, Midwest Quadrennial Regional Convention (for students and faculty from more than 30 universities), co-chair, 1983.

Phi Kappa Phi

Golden Key

Beta Gamma Sigma

## **Bar & Court Admissions**

Illinois, 1987

## **Experience**

**Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.**  
Chicago, Illinois

*Member*  
Board of Directors  
2007 to 2015

*Shareholder*  
1998 to Present

*Partner*  
1996 to 1998

*Associate*  
1992 to 1996

**Hanson & Shire, P.C.**  
Chicago, Illinois

*Managing Partner*  
1987 to 1992

*Associate*  
1987

## **Peer Recognition**

Illinois Super Lawyers, *Law & Politics*, 2005 and 2006.

Martindale-Hubbell, "AV peer review rated for ethical standards and legal ability," since 2004.

## **Professional Membership**

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association

American Bar Association

### **Civic Affiliations**

St. Andrews Lutheran Church of Park Ridge; Financial Stewardship Committee involved in fundraising activities, member, 1987 to 1993; elder, 1989; controller, 1990 to 1996, 2004-2009; chairman, 1996 to 1998; treasurer, 1998 to 2000, general counsel 2001 to present.