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Doug Scribner is a trial lawyer working principally in complex commercial litigation. He is the co-leader of Alston & Bird's Industrials & Manufacturing Team, where he focuses on the representation of manufacturers. Doug often represents plaintiffs in high-stakes commercial cases. In 2014, he was lead counsel for the corporate plaintiff in a case where the jury awarded our client more than \$96 million. It was the largest Florida commercial jury verdict in 2014, and the case was featured in *The National Law Journal's* "Top 100 Verdicts of 2014." In 2011, he was lead counsel for another corporate plaintiff in a case where the arbitration panel awarded our client more than \$100 million.

As lead trial counsel, Doug has extensive experience representing Fortune 500 companies at trial and in arbitration. He has been lead trial counsel in 25 different states. He was inducted into the Florida Verdicts Hall of Fame and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Super Lawyers* magazine every year since its inception. He is also recognized by *Chambers USA* for Commercial Litigation (Georgia) for his "wealth of experience handling environmental and commercial disputes predominantly on behalf of manufacturers."

Doug currently serves on Alston & Bird's Management Committee and is the former co-leader of Alston & Bird's Litigation and Trial Practice Team.

Representative Experience

Commercial

- Lead trial counsel for a corporate plaintiff alleging breach of contract and breach of warranty. After a three-week trial, the Florida jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff more than \$96 million.
- Lead trial counsel for a corporate plaintiff alleging theft of trade secrets and breach of contract. After a five-week arbitration, the panel awarded the plaintiff more than \$100 million.
- Lead trial counsel for a corporate plaintiff alleging fraud and breach of contract, ultimately recovering more than \$50 million, including all attorneys' fees.
- Lead trial counsel for a Japanese manufacturer that sought to recover more than \$300 million from a U.S. supplier relating to a product recall. The case settled under favorable terms.
- Lead trial counsel for the defense in a case where the plaintiff sought to recover \$750 million under various fraudulent conveyance theories. The case settled under favorable terms.
- Lead trial counsel for a Japanese electronics company in New York federal court where the plaintiff sought to recover more than \$50 million in connection with a product recall initiated by a U.S. automobile manufacturer. The case settled under favorable terms.

Insurance

- Lead trial counsel for an international insurance company in the first “diminished value” class action case to go to trial in Washington federal court. The jury returned a defense verdict for the insurer on all counts.
- Lead trial counsel for an international insurance company regarding a \$43 million loss in which the insured sought coverage under a D&O policy for claims made under the Alabama’s Quo Warranto Act. This case of first impression settled under favorable terms.
- Lead trial counsel for a corporate plaintiff seeking damages from an insurer. The jury awarded the plaintiff all damages requested, including all attorneys' fees.

Products

- Lead trial counsel for the world's largest boat motor manufacturer in a case alleging that the manufacturer's defective design caused a running motor to be propelled into the boat and decapitate a passenger. The jury returned a defense verdict.
- Lead trial counsel for the world's largest boat motor manufacturer in a federal court case alleging that the manufacturer's defective design caused the plaintiff to sustain severe and permanent spinal cord injuries. The jury returned a defense verdict.
- Lead trial counsel for the world's largest boat motor manufacturer in a federal court wrongful death case alleging defective design and punitive damages. The case was dismissed prior to trial when the trial court excluded the plaintiffs' expert testimony based upon *Daubert* and spoliation of evidence. The trial court's decision was affirmed by the Eleventh Circuit.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Trial Pros: Alston & Bird's Doug Scribner,” *Law360*, February 23, 2016.

Education

- University of Toledo (J.D., 1995)
- University of Toledo (B.B.A., 1992)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia

Related Services

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