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Douglas M. Johnson

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Doug Johnson's broad experience and ability to connect with his clients enables him to thoroughly understand their issues and develop pragmatic, business-focused results.

As a key member of Zausmer's Commercial Group, Doug strategically advises his clients on complex matters, drawing constantly on his diverse professional background. He values client relationships, keeping their interests front of mind as he advocates on their behalf. Intellectually curious and driven, Doug welcomes every opportunity to learn the ins and outs of unfamiliar topics and considers each new case a personal challenge to get the best possible results. He takes time to gain a deep understanding of the underlying facts and thoroughly researches the law and subject matter, ensuring he is in the best position to expertly advise his clients while providing them a sense of ease.

Doug earned his undergraduate degree in Anthropology from the University of Michigan and his law degree from Michigan State University College of Law. While in law school, Doug served as an Articles Editor and Sanctions Committee member on the *International Law Review*, as well as maintaining membership in the Business and Securities Law Institute. He also interned for Judge James S. Jamo of the Ingham County Circuit Court. Doug's interest in business law culminated in his receipt of the Jurisprudence Achievement Award for the highest grade achieved in his Contract Drafting course.

Doug's interest in business, and commercial law generally, derives from his multitude of experience before entering the practice of law. He previously worked in commercial real estate leasing at one of the largest mall REITs in the United States, as a manager at a midsize manufacturing plant in Michigan, and as an assistant golf professional at a club on Chicago's north shore. Prior to joining Zausmer, Doug gained valuable experience representing school districts, focusing on business and contract law, labor union negotiations, labor and employment matters, and construction disputes. His experience both in and outside law places him in a unique position to connect with his clients from a point of shared experience and understanding.

Doug is married and remains close with his immediate and large extended family, who gather multiple times yearly. He and his wife enjoy spending time outdoors with friends and family, especially in Doug's Northern Michigan hometown of Petoskey and his family's cottage in the Upper Peninsula's Les Cheneaux Islands. Doug enjoys teaching golf with the First Tee of Greater Detroit, is an avid runner, and spends as much time on the lake as possible. When he isn't at work, you'll find him with his wife or friends, trying new restaurants, golfing, boating, and skiing.



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PRACTICE AREAS

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Energy Infrastructure
Municipal
Real Property
Renewable Energy

EDUCATION

Michigan State University College of Law,
Juris Doctor, 2021
Articles Editor and Sanctions Committee,
International Law Review
Member, *Business and Securities Law Institute*

University of Michigan,
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

State Bar of Michigan, *Business Law,*
Administrative & Regulatory Law, and Real
Property Law Sections
Oakland County Bar Association
Detroit Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

"Michigan Legislature Promotes Solar Energy
Development with New Solar Energy Facilities
Taxation Act," *SBM Real Property Law Section,*
November 2023

IN THE COMMUNITY

First Tee of Greater Detroit, Coach

HONORS & AWARDS

Michigan State University College of Law,
Jurisprudence Achievement Award in
Contract Drafting, 2021

