



Doug Whipple

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Education:

- York University (Phi Beta Kappa; B.A. in Computer Science cum laude 1984)
- Georgetown University (M.S. Foreign Service with honors 1988; Lead Articles Editor,
- International Environmental Law Review; J.D. cum laude 1988)

Experiences Highlight:

- Technology M&A and Corporate Finance
- Corporate Development
- Counsel for Technology

Following studies as a classical pianist at Interlochen Arts Academy and then with Russell Sherman and Rudolf Kolisch at the New England Conservatory of Music, he transferred to NYU to study Computer Science. After a stint as an R&D software engineer at Grumman Aerospace, he entered the joint law and foreign service program at Georgetown where he earned his Juris Doctor and a Master with a focus on International Business.

Doug Whipple began practice at Jones Day's New York office in 1988, where he joined the M&A group. In 1992, he moved to Jones Day's Frankfurt office, to build the office organically during the course of 9 years. During the period 1993 to 1996, Doug was Jones Day's lawyer in residence at the Budapest office. He became a partner in the firm in 1998. After moving to Washington, D.C. in 2000, Doug started a private practice focused on technology companies. Doug formerly had been an R&D software engineer at Grumman Aerospace in Bethpage, New York.

With nearly 20 years of experience as a technology and M&A lawyer, Doug's technology representations include numerous technology development and licensing agreements for clients such as Harman International, Materna, and e-know, inc., technology development and worldwide automobile technology standards creation agreement between DaimlerChrysler, BMW, Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, and Audi. In M&A, he represented Harman International in all of its European technology acquisitions and dispositions, and Hyster-Yale in all of its European acquisitions and dispositions. Doug also acted as outside European general counsel for Hyster-Yale, responsible for all M&A, corporate, and other matters of Hyster-Yale in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Doug is fluent in English and German and previously studied piano performance with Russell Sherman and Beethoven Quartets with Rudolf Kolisch at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Experience

Intellectual Property Management

- Counsel, Design and Implementation of intellectual property management systems in Automotive, IT and Communications

Legal Counsel

- For European companies in the US
- For US companies in Europe

IPO Support

- Legal Counsel and Support

Technology Alliances & Acquisitions

- Automotive
- IT
- Media
- Communications

Off shoring

- China
- Eastern Europe

Public to Private

- Large scale public to private in Europe

References (Representational)

- Harman/Becker Automotive
- Materna Information & Communications GmbH
- Harman International
- Hyster-Yale
- Studer AG
- CitiBank
- Knorr Bremse
- Hachette

Engagement

- Member of the Board of the Arts at George Mason University, where he is chair of the Education Committee
- President of the Shanghai Board of the International Opera Alliance